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Hero Trish riding high

DUMMER-BASED volunteer Trish Willats is set to attend the prestigious BBC Sports Personality of the Year awards this Sunday.

She will go up against 14 equally deserving candidates for the BBC Get Inspired Unsung Hero award in Belfast after being named winner of the BBC South Unsung Hero award.

Trish is being recognised for her fantastic work training riders as part of the Wellington and Dummer branch of horse riding charity Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA).

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A PROPOSED housing development on land near a former Basingstoke hospital has been selected as a national pilot for a large-scale custom build homes project.

By **Christian Wilson**
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Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is currently considering an application to build 122 new houses in The Spinney next to the Park Prewett Hospital site off Aldermaston Road.

And the project is now due to take on even higher significance after being chosen to front the government's custom build model, which will see plots provided by a private contractor to create a mixture of individually designed and self-built homes.

A total of 44 plots have also been allocated for affordable housing as part of the project, with Housing Minister Brandon Lewis voicing his hope that it would serve as a "fantastic example" to help get more people on the housing ladder.

He said: "This government is committed to increasing housing supply and helping more people achieve their aspiration of home ownership – whether that's buying on the open market through schemes like Help to Buy, or to build.

"We want to see custom and self-build grow and believe it can play a role as part of a wider package of measures to help deliver homes people want.

"The Park Prewett pilot is a fantastic example of our commitment to double the number of custom build and self-build homes by 2020 – so anyone who wishes to design their dream house can do so."

As previously reported in the Observer, 850 homes have to be built each year by the borough council until 2029 as part of its draft local plan.

And deputy leader Cllr Terri Reid has admitted that she was "open to any innovative suggestions".

With the authority also weighing up the possibility of using pre-fabricated housing to tackle the area's homes problem, the cabinet member for housing and regeneration was quick to praise the idea of the custom build project.

Cllr Reid said: "The council is very keen to work with partners to support innovative new opportunities which increase the supply of housing."

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Commissioner refutes 'improvement' claim

HAMPSHIRE'S police and crime commissioner (PCC) has refuted claims by a government report that the county's force "requires improvement" in dealing with vulnerable victims of crime.

By **Christian Wilson**
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Police watchdog Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) handed Hampshire Constabulary the low score in findings released on Tuesday as part of its vulnerability review.

The report, which assesses how well the 43 forces operating in England and Wales deal with victims of sexual, domestic and child abuse, ruled Hampshire had "a significant weakness in its practice of assessing the risk to some victims of domestic abuse over the telephone through its new resolution centre".

But with HMIC also commending the county's practice of targeting domestic abusers from reoffending through scheme Project CARA in its report, PCC Simon Hayes was quick to defend the work of Hampshire Constabulary.

He said: "In these times of austerity, innovation in how we support victims of crime is essential to ensure that we deliver the most effective services with our effective resources.

"Project CARA has recently won awards for its groundbreaking approach to domestic abuse victims and HMIC is interested to see the project's long-term results in reducing offending.

"I acknowledge their concerns through the use of the resolution centre and assessments conducted over the phone; however I strongly feel that the highly trained staff and the supervisory oversight mitigates any risks perceived in this report."

The review revealed that in the 12 months up to the end of March, the recorded domestic abuse crime rate increased by 33 per cent on the previous year across the county, with 66 arrests coming from every 100 cases reported.

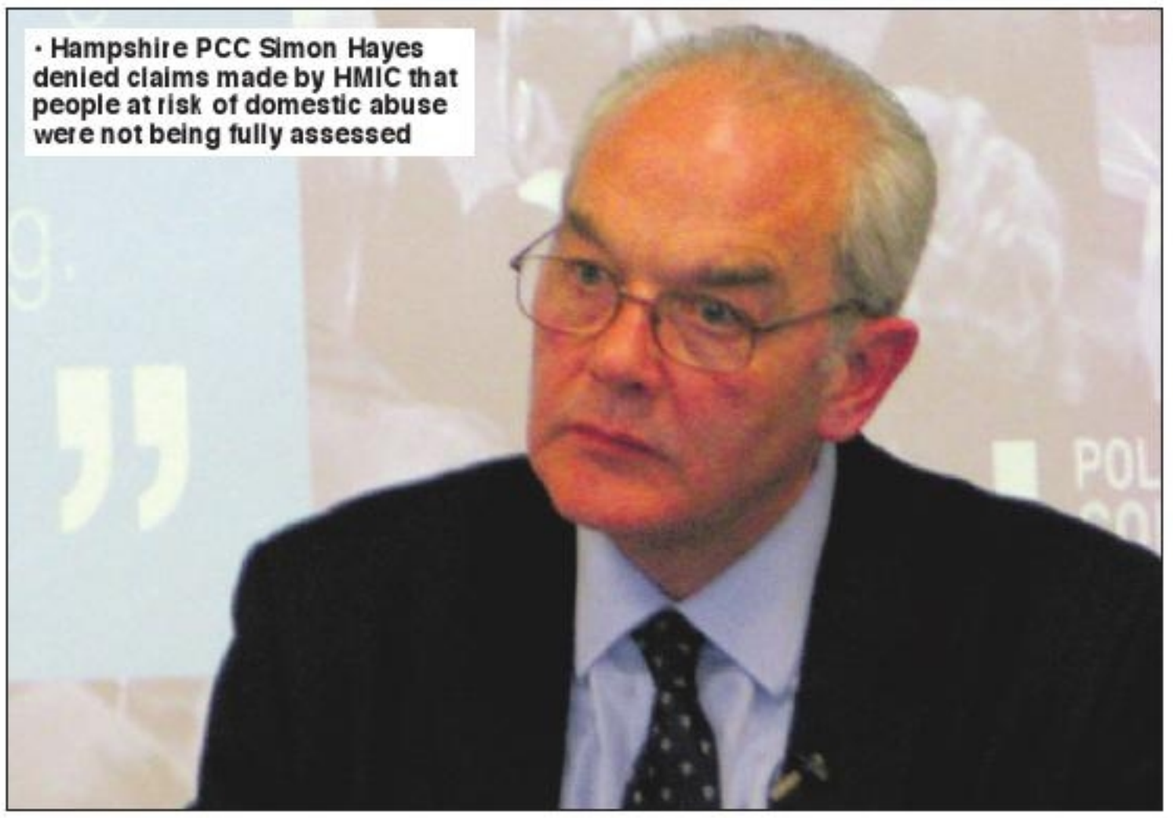
And despite the charge rate dropping by 26 per cent compared to findings in HMIC's previous report at the end of August in 2013, the watchdog insisted that Hampshire Constabulary had made progress while also making "good preparations" to tackle child sexual exploitation.

Chief Constable Andy Marsh said of the report: "As the report acknowledges, were it not for one specific issue the grade would have been 'good'.

"We are disappointed that the overall grading has been determined by just one issue but we would like to reassure the public that we are not aware of anyone being a victim as a result, and that we have already started the review that has been recommended.

"This review will provide the evidence to further assess whether our approach on this element of managing domestic abuse is appropriate."

He added: "We believe that it is and that we have the right standards and supervision."



• Hampshire PCC Simon Hayes denied claims made by HMIC that people at risk of domestic abuse were not being fully assessed

Police handed cyber crime cash boost

AN EXTRA £1.5million is going to be spent by the office for the police and crime commissioner on addressing cyber crime in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

The additional funding will be used to specifically focus on improving the response for victims of crimes such as hacking and fraud across the county.

Reports of non-investment fraud relating to online shopping and computer software services have risen by as much as 15 per cent in the year up to the end of March 2015.

Funds will also be spent on monitoring and preventing cyber crimes such as hate crimes and child pornography in a bid to further improve Hampshire Constabulary's effectiveness in dealing with them.

It follows PCC Simon Hayes' announcement last week that £5.5m will be invested next year to recruit 108 extra officers.

Mr Hayes said: "As we embrace technology and conduct our lives online, so crime has changed and moved online to follow us.

"In order to protect us, and to prevent and pursue cyber crime, the police must be funded to uplift their efforts to respond to victims.

"We need these structures in place to allow us to react quickly and effectively to new online threats.

"We must have the knowledge to advise the public on how they can protect their online lives."

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Car crash

WHITCHURCH: A man has suffered life-threatening injuries following a car crash near Whitchurch on Monday.

The unknown man is currently being treated in Southampton General Hospital after his blue Ford Transit Connect crashed into a tree while driving on Colehenley Road near the junction with Twinley Lane.

The incident took place at around 6.50am as the victim, who was the only person in the vehicle at the time, was driving from Whitchurch towards Kingsclere.

Police closed the road for several hours following the crash, before appealing to anyone who may have witnessed the collision to contact them with information at the Roads Policing Unit at Whitchurch station on 101, quoting Operation Matar.

Lunchtime Couch

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: Residents looking ahead to burn off a few extra pounds after the festive period will get the chance through a running course next month.

Starting from Thursday, January 14, members of the public are being urged to pull on their running shoes and join the Lunchtime Couch 5km programme, which is supported by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

The 10-week course is aimed at adults with little running experience to boost their confidence to take part in a 5km event, and will take place from 12.30pm to 1.15pm every Thursday at Chineham Business Park.

Cabinet member for partnerships Cllr Cathy Osselton said: "This is an ideal opportunity for anybody with little or no running experience to work off the extra pounds gained over the festive period in a fun and supportive group.

"The sessions at Chineham Business Park are ideal for office workers to get active and socialise during their lunch hour and I would encourage anybody interested to sign up as soon as possible. Start the new year with a new fitness regime."

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Trainer Trish honoured for work with disabled

A GRANDMOTHER from Dummer has spoken of her "incredible pride" after being handed a prestigious award for her work helping disabled people learn to ride horses.

By **Christian Wilson**
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Trish Willats has been devoting her time to running the Wellington and Dummer riding for the disabled (RDA) group for the past 24 years – helping hundreds of wannabe riders in the process.

And the 70-year-old volunteer is now set to see her fantastic efforts acknowledged on one of the grandest stages of all after being named the BBC Sport Unsung Hero for the South.

That accolade means that she will go against 14 other winners from across the UK for the BBC Get Inspired Unsung Hero award at Sunday's BBC Sports Personality of the Year ceremony – although the idea that she is a hero is one that bemuses Trish.

She said: "When I was told I was the winner, I was just speechless.

"It hasn't sunk in yet, I keep thinking 'who is this person they are talking about?' because it can't be me.

"My initial reaction was to say I didn't want it because I could never imagine myself doing something noteworthy.

"But it is really good at promoting the charity, which is fantastic."

Former nurse Trish began her work with charity RDA 30 years ago in a coaching and administrative role, before starting up the local branch at Wellington Riding in Hook six years later.

Now she looks after five ponies at the stables at her home in Dummer, as well as helping coach disabled youngsters and adults alike as part of a team of volunteers at Wellington and Dummer RDA.

But while she admitted that her appearance at this Sunday's ceremony at the SSE Arena in Belfast would leave her "quite humbled", Trish claimed that helping people was "the most rewarding thing in the world".

"It will fill me with incredible pride, and is fantastic recognition for all the volunteers involved in this," she said.

"You don't set out to make a difference, and I just feel so happy that I have had the chance to work with so many amazing people and join them on some of their journey thorough life."

• Dummer horse trainer Trish Willats will appear on BBC Sports Personality of the Year

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Kit give-away

BASINGSTOKE: The Brighton Hill Retail Park branch of McDonalds has donated new kit to the Basingstoke Town Colts Youth FC under-nine's team.

The move is part of the McDonald's FA Charter Standard Kit Scheme to distribute 250,000 kits nationwide, with the programme in its second year.

Basingstoke Town Colts Youth FC club secretary Stuart Wright said: "We're hugely grateful to McDonald's for donating a new kit for our under nine's team.

"An average team strip costs around £500 per season, so this really is a huge saving for us and means we can spend the money on other areas of the club that need it.

"The kids absolutely love wearing their new strip and having the kit has created fantastic unity and team spirit and has given the kids extra motivation to train and have a great season."

Gym equipment

OLD BASING: A range of newly-installed adult fitness equipment is due to be unveiled on the Old Basing recreation ground this Saturday.

Basingstoke MP Maria Miller will be on hand to perform the official opening of the six items of equipment on the park, with the items all being purchased and installed with the help of National Lottery funding.

The event will take place from 11am at the recreation ground, with mulled wine, coffee and mince pies available in the Pavilion Tea Room for anyone in attendance.

Pilot custom-build project coming to town

• *From front page*

Cllr Reid added: "This is particularly where they can give more people an opportunity to get onto the property ladder and add to the mix and variety of homes available in the area.

"The details of this particular scheme would need to be worked through as part of the planning application process."

Government housing and regeneration agency the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) acquired the Park Prewett site from Highways Agency last year.

Developers ZeroC will lead the project if the proposal is granted planning approval by the borough council, with work planned to begin next year.

Managing director Kim Slowe said: "Park Prewett is an outstanding opportunity for us to pioneer the delivery of custom build in the United Kingdom.

"We plan to take the lessons learned and roll out custom build in all our projects across the country."

HCA executive director for the south Colin Molton added: "Custom build offers a more accessible route onto the housing ladder.

"By giving people the option to take on some of the build themselves, we can reduce the cost of owning your own home."

He continued: "We've made land available for custom build on pilot schemes across England, and aim to give many more people the opportunity to design their own homes in the future."

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Councillors split over devolution proposals

BASINGSTOKE and Deane's Labour group has vowed not to support the borough council's inclusion in a proposed combined authority for Hampshire.

The party's 17 members across the borough are opposing a line included in the devolution documents speculating that county concessionary bus pass holders could "potentially be happy" to be charged for journeys.

Borough councillors narrowly voted against having the wording removed from the plans at a meeting of the full council last Thursday – despite Norden councillor Laura James declaring that the issue was Labour's "red line".

As previously reported in the Observer, the prospectus made the claims on potentially charging elderly and disabled bus users after 211 out of 3,217 respondents supported the idea in a Hampshire County Council consultation last year.

But with discussions with the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) on whether to form a combined authority still in their infancy, councillor for Eastrop Gavin James accused Labour of speaking out too early and "panicking people in their own homes".

He said: "Only if, and it's a very unlikely if, the government changes the law and decides to charge for bus passes would that happen – it's a very long way off.

"For some people, concessionary fares are the only way they can see

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their grandchildren, and so they will see the papers and be frightened."

The Basingstoke Liberal Democrat group leader added: "This is based on a random comment on a potential document, so to leave people feeling scared is outrageous."

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council opened negotiations over the possibility of forming a combined authority with the county council and Hampshire's other 10 borough and three unitary authorities in July.

The move would see power and funding on transport and education devolved down to the borough if approved, although former Labour group leader Laura James insisted that the current proposals were "absolutely unacceptable".

She said: "We were promised that devolution wouldn't threaten services and leave people worse off as a result – free bus passes are a lifeline to many people.

"It's unacceptable, absolutely unacceptable, why would you include this line?

"This is our red line and we are saying now very clearly that going forward we are not going to support a devolution paper at all if this part is part of it."

South Ham councillor Colin Regan added: "I'm a bus pass holder, and for me and my residents it's a freedom pass to help people trapped in their house.

"If, heaven forbid, a charge is brought in, it might be a small token for the first year, but it will then go up each year until the pass is worthless."

The motion to remove the line from the proposal was rejected by councillors at Thursday's meeting by 29 votes to 20.

And while acknowledging the importance of concessionary bus passes in preventing less-mobile residents from being isolated, Basingstoke and Deane's Conservative group urged the council not to "tie our hands" during discussions over devolution.

Tadley Central councillor Jonathan Richards said: "If you look at some of this country's most forceful negotiators, they kept their opponents guessing and kept their options open.

"We must not tie our hands at this early stage of negotiations."

Cllr Cathy Osselton, representative for Kingslcere ward, added: "This is a prospectus, not a binding document, and will require further consultation."

• Labour councillor for Norden Laura James (right) and Eastrop councillor Gavin James (left) were split on their views over the current prospectus for a proposal to form a combined authority for Hampshire

Free parking scheme to be extended

BASINGSTOKE'S council is set to extend the period in which motorists can park for free in the town centre by half an hour.

The change follows requests from local businesses to help entice more people into the town after the success of the authority's decision to offer 30 minutes free parking last year.

Overall parking fees and charges will go up by one per cent to allow Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council to offer the change.

But with 188,000 parking stays in the town centre taking place over the last year – a total of 54 per cent of the area's short-stay parking – cabinet member for communities Cllr Robert Tate feels that the change will represent value for money.

He said: "We are committed to ensuring that Basingstoke remains a car and business-friendly town, and this package is just one of the steps we are taking to demonstrate that commitment."

Rooksdown councillor Simon Bound added: "Basingstoke has historically been, and will continue to be, the cheapest place to park for motorists compared to nearby towns and boroughs.

"It is only when these fees and charges are viewed in this context that you really realise how good value parking in Basingstoke is."

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Elderly man targeted in burglary

A 93-YEAR-OLD man had cash and bank cards stolen during a burglary at his Basingstoke home over the weekend.

The victim interrupted a man and a woman as they searched his home for valuables during the incident in Fletcher Close in Kings Furlong.

They then ran out of the premises through the back door and fled via the garden before they could be stopped.

The incident took place at around 4pm on Saturday, with the female offender being described as around 18-years-old, of thin build and 5ft 4ins tall.

She also had short blonde hair and was wearing a short blue coat and dark blue trousers.

The male offender was described as 5ft 6ins and of ordinary build, while he is understood to have been wearing black trousers.

Detective Constable Alex Hall, of Northern Area CID, said: "A vulnerable 93-year-old man disturbed these burglars in his own home, leaving him shocked and unsettled.

"Did you see a male and a female running near to Fletcher Close at this time?

"Do you know who did this?"

Anyone with any information is asked to contact DC Hall on the police non-emergency number 101, quoting 44150433668.

Gym fanatic put through his paces

A BASINGSTOKE personal trainer is set to go the extra mile in aid of a local charity this weekend.

By **Christian Wilson**
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Fitness fanatic Matt Smart will be putting his endurance to the test in an extremely unique challenge.

The 39-year-old will attempt to do a mile of burpees from the Hilton Basingstoke hotel to the town centre at 10.30am this Sunday.

And while he knows just exactly how difficult the challenge will be after pushing countless people to power through and complete the energy-sapping exercise on a daily basis, Matt is convinced that the pain will be worth it.

He said: "Anyone who has done a burpee will know that it is a physically demanding form of exercise.

"Covering a mile will be quite a challenge but I hope that I will be able to do that in under two hours.

"I have already had some great sponsorship support, but I'm hoping that even more people will contribute to my JustGiving page."

A burpee is a full body exercise that involves squatting, putting your hands on the ground, kicking your feet out to press-up position and back in to a squat, before jumping up.

Matt will be putting his body to the test for the Ark Cancer Centre Charity, who are looking to raise £5million towards a unique local cancer treatment centre near to Junction 7 of the M3.

Charity trustee Merv Rees said: "I take my hat off to Matt for putting himself through another gruelling physical challenge to help the charity.

"I hope that local people will support him on the day and through his fundraising page."

Matt, who runs Smart Health & Fitness in Hackwood Road, added: "Sadly, most people's lives have been touched by cancer, and I am just pleased to be doing something to support the charity's efforts to help build this vital cancer treatment centre, which will save lives and change lives for the better."

To donate, visit justgiving.com/Matt-Smart15.

• Matt Smart will do a mile of burpees this Sunday for the Ark Cancer Centre Charity

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Xmas buses

BASINGSTOKE: Bus provider Stagecoach will be running a mixture of Saturday and Sunday services from Boxing Day to January 3 on buses going to Basingstoke.

A Saturday service will be offered from December 29 to New Year's Eve and on January 2, while buses running from Boxing Day to December 28, and New Year's Day will follow the Sunday timetable.

Christmas carols

ALTON: An annual Christmas carolling event will take place in Alton next Wednesday.

Town mayor Pam Jones will join the Salvation Army Band in singing festive classics around the Christmas tree in the Market Square from 7pm to 7.45pm, with all visitors provided with carol sheets so that they can sing along.

Lottery results

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from Friday, December 11.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 80914 of Basingstoke, while ticket 10141 of Basingstoke claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Basingstoke ticket 38186, and Basingstoke ticket 27622 gets fourth prize of £20.

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Food safety

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: Residents are being urged to take care when cooking Christmas dinner this year in order to avoid food poisoning.

To avoid illness, the borough council is advising the public to separate raw and cooked foods in their cupboards, ensure meat is properly defrosted and consume leftovers within 48 hours.

Council member for regulatory services and the environment Cllr Hayley Eachus said: "Cooking at Christmas for a larger number of people than usual can be stressful and potentially hazardous."

Bus collections

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: The borough council has announced changes to its recycling and rubbish collection services over the Christmas period.

No collections will take place on New Year's Day, or from Christmas Day to Monday, December 28, with services then running a day behind schedule until January 11.

For more details, go to basingstoke.gov.uk/bincollection.

Snowflake appeal

BASINGSTOKE: Children and staff at Kiddi Caru's Basingstoke day nursery held a snowflake-themed fundraising day on Tuesday, December 1.

Youngsters made giant snowflakes, decorated biscuits and came to nursery in fancy dress at the event in Broadmere Road in support of Home-Start UK's Snowflake Appeal.

Hampshire's top cop moving to new patch

HAMPSHIRE police's chief has announced that he will be leaving the county's force to be closer to his family.

By **Christian Wilson**
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Top cop Andy Marsh was confirmed as the new Chief Constable for Avon and Somerset Police following Monday's Police and Crime Panel.

He is due to take over the vacant position early next year as a replacement for former boss Nick Gargan, who quit the role in October after being found guilty of eight counts of misconduct.

And after spending nearly three years as Hampshire Constabulary's chief officer, Ch Con Marsh was quick to thank everyone connected to the county's police force for their efforts in a message to staff last Thursday.

He said: "I will leave behind a strong team with the dedication and ambition to keep our communities safe during what is an exciting era for policing with many new challenges.

"I have been proud to serve the people of Hampshire and Isle of Wight as Chief Constable and I would like to thank you all for your warmth, support and on-going dedication to keeping vulnerable people safe from harm – your efforts have been second to none."

The married father-of two previously took on the role of Assistant Chief Constable in his native Avon and Somerset, before joining Hampshire in 2010 to become Deputy Chief Constable.

But following a number of years of commuting to and from the county, Ch Con Marsh insisted the move was "something that I could not turn down".

He said: "I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our police and crime commissioner for his support and remind everyone that, today, Hampshire Constabulary has very high public confidence compared with other forces in the country.

"I understand that some of you might feel disappointed at my decision to put my name forward for this new role but for six years I have lived away from home, so when this opportunity came to spend more time with my family it was something that I could not turn down."

Hampshire police and crime commissioner (PCC) Simon Hayes added: "I fully respect the Chief Constable's personal reasons for wanting to move to Avon and Somerset and congratulate him on his selection as preferred candidate.

"He has proven that policing is a vocation and has played a significant role in maintaining legitimacy and public confidence in all aspects of the constabulary's work.

"As Andy would not be leaving us immediately, there is time to plan for the future and give consideration to finding his successor.

"I wish him and his family all the best in the future."

• Chief Constable Andy Marsh is set to leave Hampshire

More local groups to benefit from Sentinel fund

EIGHT community groups from Basingstoke and Deane have benefited from a grant of over £16,000 handed out by Sentinel.

The Basingstoke-based housing association has handed out the cash boosts to projects designed to benefit communities in areas where the company has homes as part of its 'Making it Happen' fund.

North Hampshire charities Inspero, the Country Trust Hampshire, Basingstoke Samaritans, You Trust and Andover Crisis and Support Centre have all been chosen.

And Tadley Youth Project, Basingstoke Rugby Club and The Shack Youth Club will also gain a share of the £16,195 on offer, with each group coming together for a celebratory event at Sentinel's offices in Kingsclere Road yesterday.

The cash giveaway is the second round of funding released by the housing association, following the distribution on £27,000 to eight other groups in need earlier this year.

Community investment manager Sarah Smith said: "We put our customers at the heart of everything we do.

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Praise for dementia scheme

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New pitches

ALTON: A new all-weather football pitch facility was officially unveiled in Alton on Saturday.

The development at the Enclosure in Anstey Park took 16 weeks to complete and includes new all-weather 3G pitches, a new covered stand and refurbished changing rooms.

Former Southampton and Scotland manager George Burley was on hand at the event to give both Alton United and Alton Town's junior players some coaching advice, with deputy mayor Cllr Matthew Baylis cutting the ribbon.

Breathing easy

HAMPSHIRE: Pets from across the county can breathe a little easier after Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service took deliveries of a number of specially-designed oxygen masks for animals that have been rescued from fires.

Four sets of three masks, which were provided by organisation Smokey Paws and Denplan, have now been distributed to each of the county's animal rescue specialists.

CAMPAIGNERS have praised Basingstoke hospital staff members for allowing loved ones of patients with dementia to stay with them during their stay.

Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (HHFT) is the first trust in the south of England and one of 100 nationwide to fully adopt a campaign to permit carers to play a role in the recovery of those in inpatient wards.

John's Campaign has been rolled out at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital, Andover War Memorial Hospital and Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester this year in a bid to provide familiar surroundings for those suffering with dementia.

Ward sisters can issue a signed badge to a main carer to allow visiting outside normal hours across each of Hampshire's hospitals, with campaign creator Nicci Gerrard thanking HHFT for adopting the scheme in a letter sent to the trust.

She wrote: "As one of the pioneering 100 hospitals, carers in your hospitals are made welcome.

"We are profoundly grateful for your open-minded and humane approach and we thank the staff that have made this happen."

By Christian Wilson
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The campaign was launched last November following the death of Nicci's dad Dr John Gerrard in a bid to give carers of those living with dementia the same rights to stay with them as parents currently have with their sick children.

One person to see the positive effects of the scheme's 'Stay With Me' idea is HHFT dementia nurse specialist Rachel Hayden, who recently took part in a short-film examining its work at Hampshire's hospitals.

She said: "Enabling carers to stay on the wards with their loved one has been much easier than we had expected and our staff have fully embraced it.

"It can be difficult for dementia patients when they are not in their familiar surroundings, so they benefit from their carer's extra vigilance and intimate understanding of their needs and so we welcome carers at our hospitals.

"Some carers welcome the opportunity for a rest, others welcome the opportunity to stay with the patient – our role is to help the carer do what is best for them and the patient."

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Sign2sing

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: Two primary schools from the borough are taking part in an annual fundraising activity to raise money for vulnerable deaf children.

Kempshott Infant School and Preston Candover CE School are among eight Hampshire schools to take part in deaf health charity Signhealth's sign2sing campaign.

Children will learn to use sign language to replicate a range of songs for the campaign, taking place from February 1 to 7.

School's breakfast club honoured in parliament

A BASINGSTOKE primary school has been handed a prestigious national award for the work of its breakfast club.

Pupils from South View Junior School travelled to the Houses of Parliament to receive an award of £1,500 at last Tuesday's Kellogg's Breakfast Club Awards.

The school was handed the accolade after impressing judges with its early-morning club, which opens at 8am and allows children to eat breakfast while getting reading help.

Sharon Hodgson, of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on School Food, presented the school with the award, while students also met Basingstoke MP Maria Miller in Westminster.

South View headteacher Sheila Pape said: "We were delighted to win this award.

"It shows that the hard work put in to create additional learning opportunities has paid off.

"We were so grateful for the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament, it was a very special day."

The prize money will be spent on extra books, educational games, puzzles and sports equipment.

Mrs Miller said: "I am delighted to hear that South View Junior School has been awarded the prize for Extra Learning at Breakfast Club.

"Not only is the breakfast club providing a healthy start to the day, it is providing pupils with additional learning opportunities.

"I think it is very encouraging that South View has made such wonderful use of this time early in the morning to support their pupils both physically and academically."

• South View pupils with Maria Miller (second left)

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Popley groups urged to apply for funding

COMMUNITY projects in Popley have until the end of January to apply for a grant from the borough council.

Local groups and initiatives will have the chance to claim small scale 'Your Community, Your Choice' grants of up to £1,000 from the authority as part of The Neighbourhood Partnership for the area.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council aim to use the funds to assist voluntary and community organisations to deliver sustainable projects that will benefit Popley.

For projects to be eligible to apply they will need to demonstrate that they can provide a service where there is a need, can bring the community together, and improve the wellbeing of residents.

Groups have until January 31 next year to apply, with residents having the opportunity to cast their votes for the projects most deserving of a cash boost between 3pm and 7pm on March 14 at both Popley Fields Community Centre and Melrose Hall Community Centre.

Council cabinet member for communities, service delivery and improvement, Robert Tate, said: "Residents get a real say in both what they need and also what they get in terms of community projects, which is at the heart of the Neighbourhood Partnership."

For more information, go to basingstoke.gov.uk.

Royal approval for older drivers group

A COUNTYWIDE support group aimed at keeping older drivers on the roads for longer has been given a royal seal of approval.

By **Christian Wilson**
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Hampshire Older Drivers Forum was highly commended for its contribution to improving road safety by Prince Michael of Kent at the International Road Safety Awards, which were held last week.

The non-profit organisation works closely with emergency services, charities and local authorities to ensure that elderly drivers don't put themselves or others in any harm when behind the wheel by conducting assessments and offering advice.

And following last Tuesday's ceremony at the Savoy Hotel in London, group founder and chair Road Safety Sergeant Rob Heard, of Hampshire Constabulary, admitted he was "extremely proud" to receive the accolade.

He said: "We know older motorists have a wealth of experience, confidence and tolerance.

"However sight, hearing, reaction time and judgement of speed and distance may not be as sharp as it once was.

"I am extremely proud that the great work of the forum has been recognised internationally.

"We need to embrace and celebrate the older generation, and support those who wish to continue driving - but also give advice when it is time to retire from driving."

The group was created two years ago following the death of Hook resident Neil Colquhoun in March 2011, who was tragically killed in a car crash on the A30 in Old Basing caused by a 90-year-old man driving the wrong way down the dual carriageway.

Hampshire County Council runs an appraisal for motorists through its Driver Skills 60+ course, while driving mobility centre Wessex DriveAbility carries out fitness to drive assessments on behalf of the forum.

Sgt Heard added: "Fragility increases with age, so injuries tend to be more serious and recovery takes much longer.

"Casualty rates do increase for car drivers aged over about 65, and the fatality rate increases significantly.

"That's where we come in: the Older Drivers Forum is about keeping mature motorists on the road safely for longer.

"Whether that's giving practical and informative help to continue driving or pointing you in the right direction for an assessment to identify your driving needs – from wing mirror adapters to an elevated driving seat – we're here to help."

• Prince Michael of Kent (left) presented Road Safety Sergeant Rob Heard (right) with a commendation certificate at the international Road Safety Awards

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Christmas cheer

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: Festival Place was given a festive boost earlier this month by different groups of singers from across the borough.

The Belles of St Martins, Tadley Singers, Brittain's Voices, Basingstoke Ladies' Choir, Overton Choral Society, Steventon Singers, Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir, Basingstoke Male Voice Choir and Carnival Chorus all performed at the shopping centre.

The event on Saturday, December 5 helped raise £460 for Basingstoke and Deane mayor Cllr Anne Court's three chosen charities: Ark Cancer Centre, Inspero and Basingstoke Multicultural Forum.

Football camp

BASINGSTOKE: Sporty youngsters can sign up for a festive football camp over the Christmas period.

Power League will be hosting two separate Christmas Camps for boys and girls aged between five and 12-years-old at Brighton Hill Community College.

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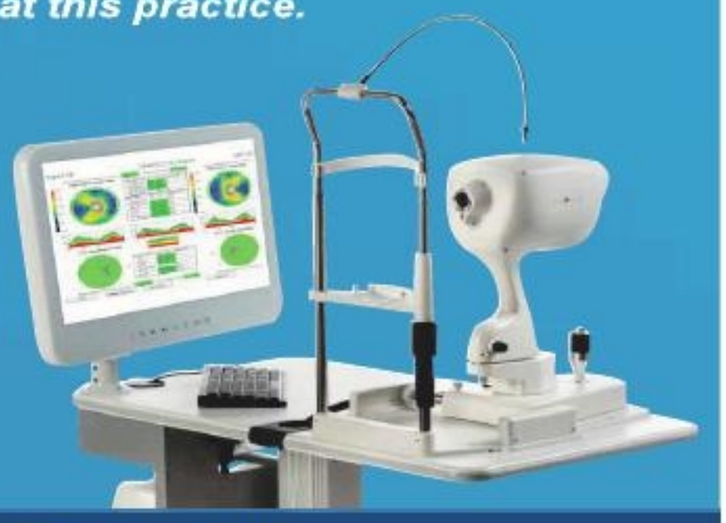

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Quick Clues Across

1 Over-generous (4-7)
9 Long fish (3)
10 Expedient (9)
11 Ends (5)
13 Letter (7)
14 Waterlogged (6)
16 Calm (6)
18 Unaffected (7)
19 Attacked (5)
20 Transport for the wounded (9)
21 Kind of vegetable (3)
22 Indicating dissent (4-7)

Quick Clues Down

2 Lubricate (3)
3 Snares (5)
4 Grudges (6)
5 Pause (7)
6 Makes hostile (9)
7 Emotional (11)
8 Showing deep respect (11)
12 Touchy (9)
15 Came with a crash (7)
17 Settle conclusively (6)
19 Fracture (5)
21 Peg of wood or metal (3)

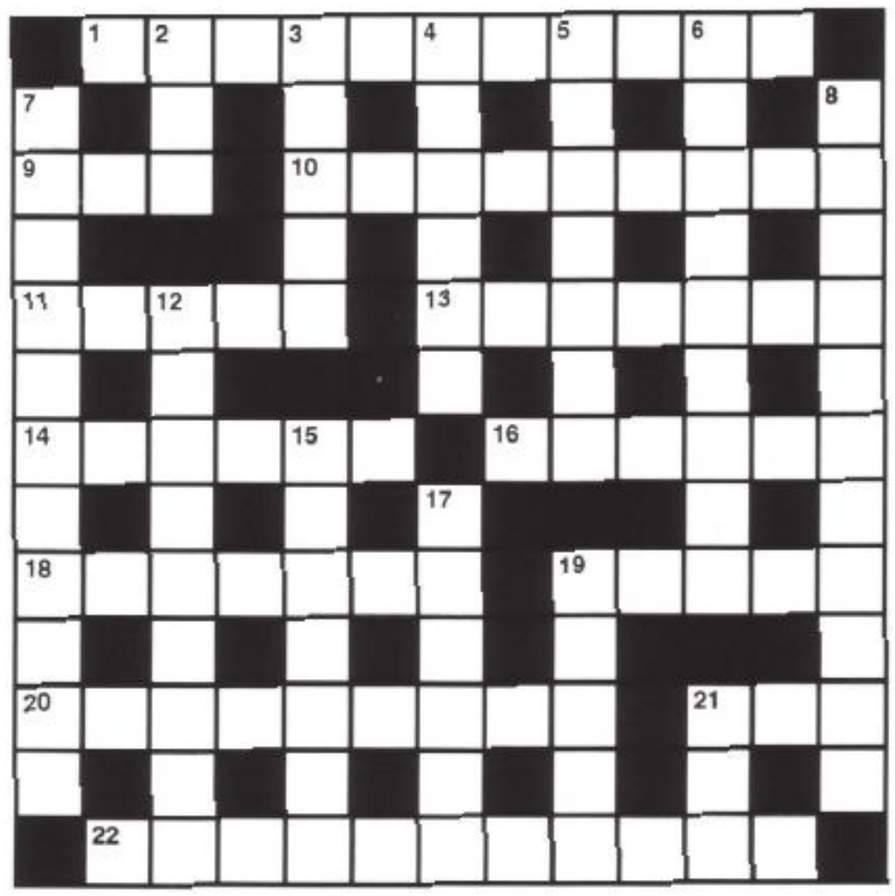
Scribble space

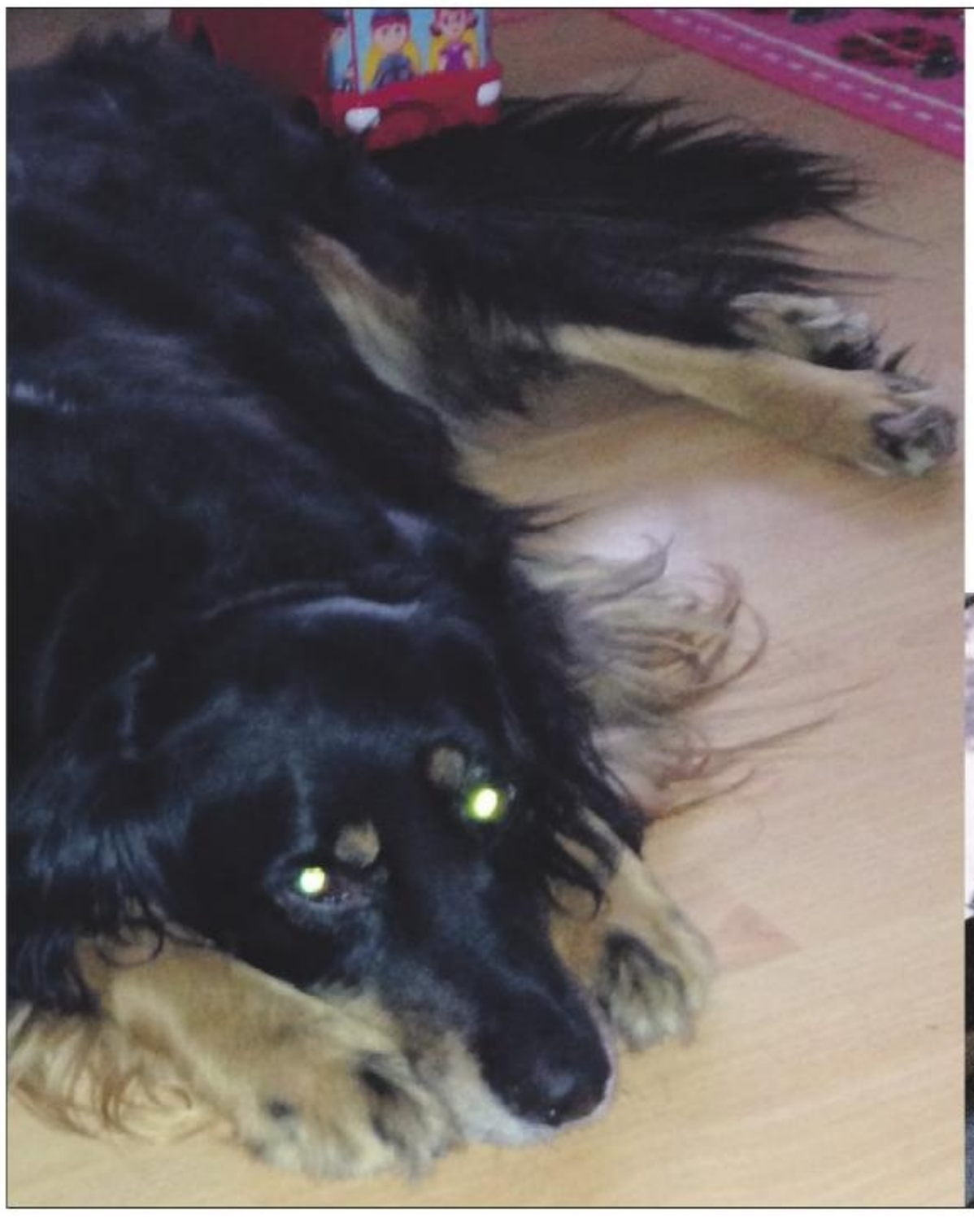
Cryptic Clues Across

1 Makes a monopoly with a sound foundation (11)
9 Strikingly away from home (3)
10 Urge to disturb the giant site (9)
11 Legend has it she made her own tombstone (5)
13 Steam is the making of a French 14 (7)
14 Expert with disturbed traits (6)
16 A three-mile alliance (6)
18 I and a friend took it to copy (7)
19 French word and music (5)
20 But you won't often write music on it (9)
21 Like the other inmates of 21 down, it is said (3)
22 Strong positions for the principal card players? (11)

Cryptic Clues Down

2 To a different type of corn (3)
3 A piano is excellent for yielding sound (5)
4 It will make me sure to start again (6)
5 Sounds as if this will be prickly (7)
6 An adjacent spectacle can cause myopia (4,5)
7 Female supporters? (11)
8 It's respectful to face round the fee mixed up with the rent (11)
12 He ought to be well equipped (9)
15 Trod forcibly - nearly caused a beastly rush (7)
17 One keeps one's ear close to the place of worship (6)
19 Code for the majority round head of state (5)
21 Paid shortly about nothing for the case (3)





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		1	2			7	8	

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This week's solutions

Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Soft-hearted 9 Eel 10 Advisable 11 Tails 13 Epistle 14 Marshy 17 Serene 18 Natural 19 Beset 20 Ambulance 21 Pea 22 Head-shaking

Down: 2 Oil 3 Traps 4 Envies 5 Respite 6 Embitters 7 Sentimental 8 Reverential 12 Irritable 15 Hurtled 17 Clinch 19 Break 21 Pin

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Cornerstone 9 Out 10 Instigate 11 Niobe 13 Matisse 14 Artist 16 League 18 Imitate 19 Motel 20 Notepaper 21 Pea 22 Bridgeheads

Down: 2 Oat 3 Noise 4 Resume 5 Thistle 6 Near sight 7 Foundations 8 Deferential 12 Outfitter 15 Stamped 17 Temple 19 Morse 21 Pod

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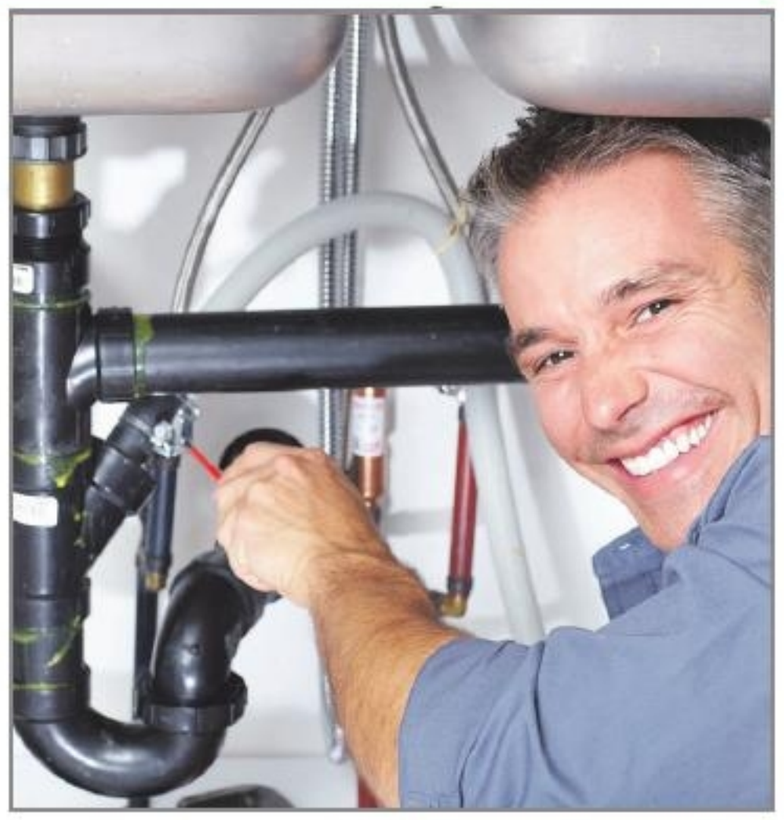

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Friday December 18th

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BBC1

Josh, 11.20pm

6.00 **Breakfast** (S) **9.15 Operation Meet the Street** (S)(R) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.00 Oxford Street Revealed** (S) **11.45 Family Finders** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News at One; Weather** (S) **1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.45 Doctors** (S) **2.15 The Doctor Blake Mysteries** A school headmaster is found dead in his office. (S)(R) **3.10 Escape to the Country** (S) **3.40 James Martin – Home Comforts at Christmas** (S) **4.25 Flog It!** (S)(R) **5.15 Pointless** (S)(R) **6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News Programmes** (S)

7

7.00 **The One Show** Hosted by Matt Baker and Alex Jones. (S)
7.30 **A Question of Sport** With Eddie Pepperell, Jenny Meadows, Serge Betsen and Kevin Kilbane; (S)(R) BBC News; Regional News (S)

8

8.00 **EastEnders** Stacey struggles to come to terms with her discovery. (S)
8.30 **Citizen Khan** Mr Khan is entrusted with a sum of cash. Last in the series. (S)

9

9.00 **Have I Got News for You** Compilation of the satirical quiz, looking back at the big news events of 2015. Last in the series. (S)
9.30 **Peter Kay's Car Share** (S)(R)

10

10.00 **BBC News at Ten** (S)
10.25 **BBC Regional News and Weather;** (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.35 **The Graham Norton Show** With Kylie Minogue and Carrie Fisher. (S)

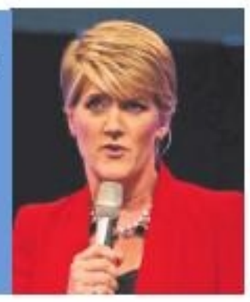
11

11.20 **Josh** (S)
11.50 FILM **Reasonable Doubt (2014) (15)** Premiere. Thriller, with Dominic Cooper and Samuel L Jackson. (S)

AFTER 12

1.10 **Weather for the Week Ahead** (S)
1.15 BBC News (S)

BBC2


The Clare Balding Sports Show, 10pm

6.00 **Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **7.00 Oxford Street Revealed** (S)(R) **7.45 Family Finders** (S) **8.15 Sign Zone: An Island Parish: Falklands** (S)(R) **8.45 Sign Zone: Great British Menu** (S)(R) **9.15 Victoria Derbyshire** (S) **11.00 BBC News** (S) **12.00 Daily Politics** (S) **1.00 Britain's First Photo Album** (S)(R) **1.30 The Great British Bake Off** (S)(R) **2.30 The Great British Bake Off: The Final** (S)(R) **3.30 The Great Antiques Map of Britain** (S)(R) **4.00 The World's Most Photographed** (S)(R) **4.30 Wogan: The Best Of** (S)(R) **5.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **6.00 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two** (S)

7.00 **Tom Kerridge Cooks Christmas** The chef puts his own spin on festive fare. (S)(R)
7.30 **Mary Berry's Absolute Christmas Favourites** Part two of two. Five recipes for a stress-free Christmas Day. (S)(R)

8.00 **Mastermind** Specialist subjects include The West Wing and Billy Bragg. (S)
8.30 **An Island Parish: Falklands** The Rev Richard Hines nears the end of his seven-year posting. Last in the series. (S)

9.00 **Alex Polizzi: Hire Our Heroes** Part two of two. The presenter seeks to pilot a scheme that if successful could be rolled out across the UK to help unemployed working-age veterans find a new career. (S)

10.00 **The Clare Balding Sports Show** New series. The sporting chat show returns. (S)
10.30 **Newsnight** (S)

11.00 **Weather** (S)
11.05 FILM **AI: Artificial Intelligence (2001) (12)** Sci-fi drama, starring Haley Joel Osment and Jude Law. (S)

1.20 **Sign Zone: Question Time** (S)(R) **2.20** This Is Tottenham (S)(R) **3.20** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Emmerdale, 7pm

6.00 **Good Morning Britain** (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show for Text Santa** (S) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Loose Women** (S) **1.30 ITV Lunchtime News;** Weather (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **2.00 Judge Rinder for Text Santa** Father Christmas arrives in court. (S) **3.00 1000 Heartbeats for Text Santa** (S) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Tipping Point for Text Santa** (S) **5.00 The Chase for Text Santa** Special celebrity edition linked with the TV appeal. (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.30 ITV Evening News;** Weather (S)

7.00 **Emmerdale** Debbie and Emma try to settle their feud. (S)
7.30 **Coronation Street** Rob confides his dastardly plans to his cellmate. (S)

8.00 **Text Santa Christmas Jumper Day** Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby lead a host of stars rallying support for this year's charities – Macmillan Cancer Support, Make-A-Wish UK and Save the Children. (S)

11.05 **ITV News;** Weather (S)
11.45 **ITV Regional News;** Weather (S)
11.55 **Text Santa 2015: The Best Bits** Highlights from this year's Christmas Jumper Day appeal. (S)

1.10 **Jackpot247 3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA (S)(R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

TFI Friday Christmas Special, 7.30pm

6.00 **Countdown** (S)(R) **6.45 3rd Rock from the Sun** (S)(R) **7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **10.00 Undercover Boss USA** (S)(R) **11.00 Jamie's Best Ever Christmas** (S)(R) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.05 Kirstie's Homemade Christmas** (S)(R) **1.05 Celebrity Come Dine with Me: Christmas Special** (S)(R) **2.10 Deal or No Deal** Beat-the-banker game show. (S) **3.10 Countdown** (S) **4.00 Posh Pawnbrokers** Nathan and Debbs deliver an emotional shock when valuing some precious silver. (S) **5.00 Couples Come Dine with Me** (S) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

7.00 **Channel 4 News** (S)
7.30 **TFI Friday Christmas Special** Guests include James Corden, Sir Tom Jones and Bryan Adams. (S)

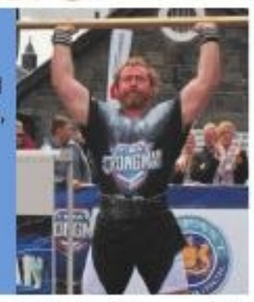
9.00 **Gogglebox** Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)

10.00 **Alan Carr: Chatty Man** Comedian Kevin Bridges chats about his latest live stand-up DVD, while actress, comedian, writer, and producer Tina Fey reflects on her upcoming movie, Sisters. (S)

11.05 **First Dates: The Proposal** Maitre d' Fred hosts a festive party in which he welcomes back some of the couples who found love in the restaurant. (S)(R)

12.05 **Rude Tube** (S) **1.00** That's So Last Century (S)(R) **1.55** FILM **You're Next (2011) (18)** (S) **3.30** You Deserve This House (S)(R) **4.25** River Cottage Bites (S)(R) **4.35** Benchmark (S) **5.25** Deal or No Deal (S)(R)

Channel 5


Ultimate Strongman Masters World Championship, 7pm

6.00 **Milkshake! 9.15 Christmas with The Wright Stuff** Panel discussion. **11.40** FILM **The Perfect Holiday (2007) (PG)** Romantic comedy, starring Morris Chestnut and Gabrielle Union. (S) **1.30 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **1.35 Neighbours** Paul is taken into custody by police. (S) **2.05** FILM **Mrs Miracle 2: Miracle in Manhattan (2010) (PG)** Family drama sequel, starring Doris Roberts. (S) **3.50** FILM **Help for Christmas (2012) (PG)** Fantasy, starring Summer Glau. (S) **5.30 5 News at 5** (S) **6.00 Neighbours** Paul is taken into custody by police. (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

7.00 **Ultimate Strongman Masters World Championship** Veteran strongmen gather in Belfast to battle it out for the Marshalls Trophy; (S) 5 News Update (S)

8.00 **Ice Road Truckers** VP Express takes on its heaviest load of the season, hoping to leave the competition floundering. Meanwhile, a defection leads to further tension in the Polar ranks; (S) 5 News Update (S)

9.00 FILM **Con Air (1997) (18)** A parolee on his flight home intervenes when America's deadliest criminals hijack the plane. Action thriller, starring Nicolas Cage, John Cusack and John Malkovich. (S)

11.15 **Christmas Crims: Caught on Camera** Nick Wallis reveals how the police are assisted by CCTV and bodycams when cracking Christmas crimes and keeping chaos under wraps. (S)

12.15 **SuperCasino 3.10** The Dog Rescuers at Christmas with Alan Davies (S)(R) **4.00** Christmas on the Poverty Line (S)(R) **4.45** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.10** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.35** House Doctor (S)(R)

DIGITAL

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6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.25** Psych **7.10** Emmerdale **8.10** Coronation Street **8.40** The Cube **9.40** Psych **10.35** Catchphrase **11.15** Take Me Out Celebrity Christmas Special **12.30** Emmerdale **1.30** Coronation Street **2.00** Catchphrase **2.40** The Jeremy Kyle Show **6.00** Judge Rinder **7.00** You've Been Framed at Christmas! **8.00** Two and a Half Men **9.00** FILM: The Bourne Identity (2002) (12) **11.25** FILM: The Nutty Professor (1996) (PG) **1.20** The Vampire Diaries **2.10** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Movies Now **6.10** George and Mildred **6.35** Heartbeat **7.40** Murder, She Wrote **8.25** Where the Heart Is **9.30** Judge Judy **10.55** A Touch of Frost **1.00** Heartbeat **2.05** Wycliffe **3.10** Where the Heart Is **4.15** In Loving Memory **4.50** On the Buses **5.20** George and Mildred **5.55** Heartbeat **7.00** Murder, She Wrote **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Wycliffe **11.05** FILM: Murder on the Orient Express (1974) (PG) Agatha Christie mystery, starring Albert Finney. **1.40** Where the Heart Is **2.35** Judge Judy **3.40** Emmerdale

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 World's Craziest Fools **7.30** Don't Tell the Bride **8.30** Sherlock **10.00** EastEnders **10.30** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **11.15** American Dad! **12.00** Family Guy **12.45** Rent a Cop **1.15** Josh **1.45** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **2.30** World's Craziest Fools **2.55** Cuckoo **4.00** Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 World News Today; Weather **7.30** Andrea Chenier from the Royal Opera House **9.35** Sounds of the Eighties **10.00** Queen: From Rags to Rhapsody **11.00** Queen: The Legendary 1975 Concert **11.45** Great Guitar Riffs at the BBC **12.45** Queen: From Rags to Rhapsody **1.45** Queen: The Legendary 1975 Concert **2.35** Great Guitar Riffs at the BBC **3.35** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.45** Charmed **8.30** Hollyoaks **9.00** Rules of Engagement **10.00** Melissa & Joey **11.00** Charmed **1.00** How I Met Your Mother **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** Melissa & Joey **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** A to Z **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Taken (2008) (15) **10.50** The Big Bang Theory **11.50** Bodyshockers: Nips, Tucks and Tattoos **12.50** Drifters **1.55** First Dates **2.50** Tripped **3.35** How to Survive the End of the World **4.00** The New Normal **4.20** Rude(ish) Tube

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Location, Location, Location **10.00** Building the Dream **11.05** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites **11.15** FILM: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (1969) (PG) **1.25** Time Team **4.40** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **5.45** A Place in the Sun **6.50** Building the Dream **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** Father Ted Christmas Special **10.15** Father Ted **11.20** 24 Hours in A&E **1.25** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **3.25** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites **3.40** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Tales from Earthsea (2006) (PG) **1.20** King Kong (1976) (PG) **4.10** The Quiet Man (1952) (U) **6.45** Hairspray (2007) (PG) **9.00** The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (2011) (12) **11.25** Kick-Ass (2010) (15) **1.40** Seven Psychopaths (2012) (15) **3.55** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
6.00 Home Shopping **7.00** Rocket City Rednecks **7.20** Storage Hunters **8.10** Ice Road Truckers **9.00** American Pickers **10.00** Storage Hunters UK **11.00** Top Gear **1.00** Storage Hunters **2.00** Ice Road Truckers **3.00** American Pickers **4.00** The Money Pit **5.00** Top Gear **6.00** Ice Road Truckers **7.00** American Pickers **8.00** Storage Hunters **9.00** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **10.00** Room 101 **11.20** QI **12.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **3.00** Only Connect **3.30** Lizard Lick Towing **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 The Dog Whisperer **7.00** Monkey Life **8.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue **9.00** Inside Gatwick **10.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** Monkey Life **3.30** About a Boy **4.00** Futurama **5.00** Modern Family **5.30** Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** A League of Their Own **9.00** Best Christmas Movies Ever **10.30** A League of Their Own **11.00** Hawaii Five-0 **2.00** Road Wars **3.00** Armed and Dangerous: Ultimate Forces **4.00** Nothing to Declare **5.00** Hawaii Five-0

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Seinfeld **8.00** Stargate Atlantis **9.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **10.00** The West Wing **11.00** Cold Case **12.00** Blue Bloods **2.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **4.00** The West Wing **5.00** Game of Thrones: A Day in the Life **5.30** The Making of David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive **6.30** Making David Attenborough's Flying Monsters **7.00** Game of Thrones: A Day in the Life **7.30** David Attenborough's Flying Monsters **9.00** Alan Partridge: Welcome to the Places of My Life **10.00** The Last Panthers **11.00** Amy Schumer: Live at the Apollo **12.10** Game of Thrones **2.20** The Knick **3.30** Curb Your Enthusiasm **4.05** Urban Secrets

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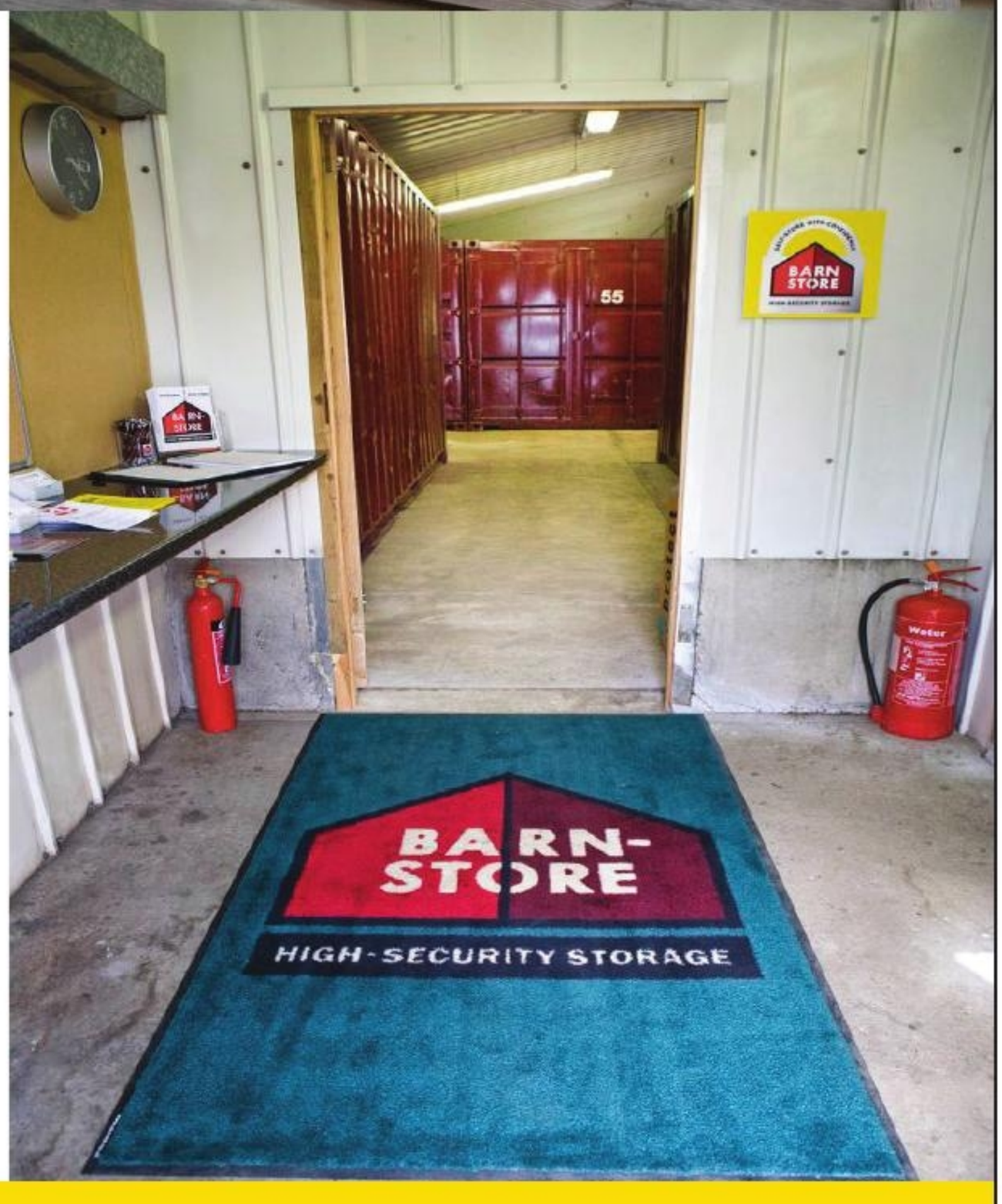

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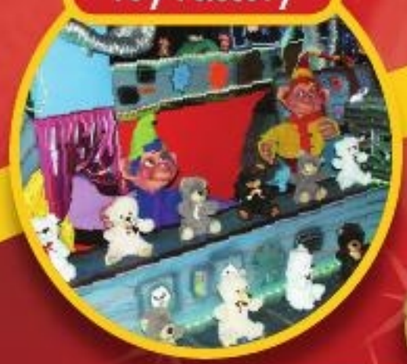

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Saturday December 19th

DAYTIME

BBC1

Casualty, 8pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live (S) 11.30 James Martin – Home Comforts at Christmas (S)(R) 12.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 12.10 Football Focus (S) 12.55 Sports Personality – The Final 12 (S)(R) 1.55 FILM The Muppets (2011) (U) (S) 3.30 The Hunt Efforts to protect endangered carnivores. Last in the series. (S)(R) 4.30 Final Score (S) 5.25 BBC News (S) 5.35 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 5.45 Pointless Celebrities (S) 6.35 Strictly Come Dancing Grand Final The remaining four duos gather for two more turns on the dance floor. (S)

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8.00 Casualty Christmas Eve arrives, and Cal prepares to meet his birth mother. (S)
8.50 The National Lottery Live Frankie Bridge of The Saturdays pushes the Lotto button. (S)

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9.00 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results The final three couples revisit their favourite routines in one last round of performances, before viewers decide which star should be named the champion. Last in the series. (S)

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10.10 BBC News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League games, including Manchester United v Norwich City; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

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11.55 The Apprentice The five remaining candidates must face the formidable interview process with four of Lord Sugar's trusted advisors. (S)(R)

AFTER 12

12.55 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 1.00 BBC News (S)

BBC2

Porridge, 8.05pm

6.00 Race to Super Bowl 50 (S)(R) 6.50 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) 7.45 Africa's Fishing Leopards: Natural World (S)(R) 8.45 FILM Underdog (2007) (U) (S) 10.00 FILM Bridge to Terabithia (2007) (PG) (S) 11.30 Escape to the Country (S)(R) 12.00 Best Christmas Bakes Ever (S) 12.45 FILM The Bishop's Wife (1947) (U) (S) 2.30 FILM Splash! (1984) (PG) Romantic fantasy comedy, with Tom Hanks and Daryl Hannah. (S) 4.10 Flog It! (S) 5.00 FILM Dad's Army (1971) (U) Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (S) 6.35 The Perfect Morecambe & Wise Christmas Special (S)(R)

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7.05 Japan: Earth's Enchanted Islands Life on Japan's northernmost island Hokkaido, a place where tough animals and ingenious people have adapted to the extremes of the seasons. Last in the series. (S)(R)

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8.05 Porridge C(S)(R)
8.50 Rudolf Nureyev – Dance to Freedom The story of the Soviet ballet dancer's defection to the West in 1961. (S)

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10.20 QI XL An extended edition of the comedy panel game, with Stephen Fry. (S)

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11.05 The Rise of James Brown: Mr Dynamite Documentary charting the singer's journey from impoverished beginnings to becoming one of the biggest names in music. (S)(R)

AFTER 12

12.45 FILM SoulBoy (2010) (15) Drama, starring Martin Compston. (S) 2.05 This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Notting Hill, 11.05pm

6.00 CITV 9.25 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) 10.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R) 11.20 ITV News; Weather (S) 11.30 FILM The Mirror Crack'd (1980) (PG) (S) 1.35 Celebrity Squares (S)(R) 2.15 Doc Martin The doctor prepares for his wedding. (S)(R) 3.15 Midsomer Murders A petty thief is impaled with a pitchfork. (S)(R) 5.10 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 5.20 ITV News (S) 5.35 Keep It in the Family Christmas Special A festive-themed edition of the quiz show. (S) 6.35 FILM The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) (12) Fantasy adventure, starring Martin Freeman and Ian McKellen. (S)

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9.45 The Jonathan Ross Show The host is joined in the studio by Star Wars: The Force Awakens actor Harrison Ford, author and comedy star David Walliams, chef Jamie Oliver and singer-songwriter Jess Glynne. (S)

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10.50 ITV News; Weather (S)

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11.05 FILM Notting Hill (1999) (15) A London bookshop owner falls for a glamorous Hollywood film star, but intrusive media interest makes for a tricky relationship. Comedy, with Hugh Grant. (S)

AFTER 12

1.20 Jackpot247 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA (S)(R) 3.40 ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

The Simpsons, 4.10pm

6.15 Great Ethiopian Run 2015 Highlights of the 10km road race in Addis Ababa. (S) 7.10 Survival of the Fittest (S) 7.35 Snowman Triathlon (S) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 9.00 The Morning Line Rishi Persad presents a preview of this afternoon's racing at Ascot. (S) 10.00 The Big Bang Theory (S)(R) 12.00 The Simpsons (S)(R) 1.30 Channel 4 Racing Live coverage from Ascot and Haydock Park. (S) 4.00 Channel 4 News (S) 4.10 The Simpsons (S)(R) 5.10 FILM Arthur Christmas (2011) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of James McAvoy. (S)

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7.00 The World's Weirdest Weather Featuring geysers in the middle of a city, clouds that look like they have been cut with a razor, red rainbows, zombie trees and bridges struck by strong winds. (S)

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8.00 FILM Star Trek (2009) (12) The first mission of the starship Enterprise leads the crew into a battle with a vengeful Romulan commander from the future. Sci-fi adventure, with Chris Pine and Zachary Quinto. (S)

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10.30 FILM Watchmen (2009) (18) At the height of the Cold War, former superheroes discover a conspiracy when one of their number is murdered. Comic-book drama, starring Patrick Wilson. (S)

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AFTER 12

1.30 TFI Friday Christmas Special (S)(R) 2.55 Hollyoaks (S)(R) 5.05 Hugh's 3 Good Things (S)(R) 5.20 Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites (S)(R) 5.25 Location, Location, Location (S)(R)

Channel 5

Britain's Favourite Abba Songs, 10.30pm

6.00 Milkshake! 8.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S) 9.30 The Saturday Show (S) 11.30 FILM A Country Christmas Story (2013) (PG) (S) 1.20 FILM This Christmas (2007) (12) Comedy drama, starring Delroy Lindo. (S) 3.30 FILM Angel at Christmas (2012) (PG) Premiere. Family drama, starring Della Reese. (S) 5.10 FILM A Boyfriend for Christmas (2004) (PG) Romantic drama, starring Kelli Williams and Shane Baumel. (S) 6.55 Crackers About Christmas Eccentric people who are always in the festive holiday spirit. (S)(R)

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7.55 Michael Buble's Christmas Songbook The Canadian crooner sings Christmas classics, joined on stage in Vancouver by Rod Stewart, Blake Shelton, Carly Rae Jepsen, Elmo and Oscar the Grouch. (S)(R)

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8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

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9.00 Football League Tonight Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's matches, including Brighton & Hove Albion v Middlesbrough. (S)

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10.30 Britain's Favourite Abba Songs A countdown of the Swedish pop group's 20 most popular songs, with celebrity fans including Jane McDonald and Liz McClarnon introducing their favourite clips. (S)

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11.55 Abba: Live in Concert The Swedish band in concert during their six-night residence at London's Wembley Arena in November 1979. (S)(R)

AFTER 12

1.10 SuperCasino 3.10 Meet the Psychopaths (S)(R) 4.00 Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole (S)(R) 4.50 Make It Big (S)(R) 5.15 Make It Big (S)(R) 5.45 Angels of Jarm (S)(R) 5.50 Angels of Jarm (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 The Hot Desk: Kelly Clarkson 6.10 Emmerdale 8.55 Coronation Street 11.20 Scorpion 12.15 Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! 1.15 FILM: Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) (U) 3.10 FILM: Santa Baby (2006) (PG) 5.00 Merry Christmas Mr Bean 5.35 FILM: Ella Enchanted (2004) (PG) 7.25 FILM: Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993) (PG) 9.00 FILM: The Bourne Supremacy (2004) (12) Action thriller sequel, starring Matt Damon. 11.10 Celebrity Juice: Bestest Bits 2015 Part 1 12.10 Through the Christmas Keyhole 1.15 Tricked 2.10 Viral Tap 2.45 FILM: Baby Mama (2008) (12) 4.25 The Almost Impossible Gameshow 5.15 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 5.40 ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Movies Now 6.10 George and Mildred 6.35 Where the Heart Is 8.25 A Touch of Frost 10.35 Wycliffe 11.50 FILM: Swallows and Amazons (1974) (U) 1.40 By Royal Appointment 2.50 FILM: The Queen (2006) (12) 4.55 FILM: Columbo: It's All in the Game (1993) (PG) 6.55 Rosemary & Thyme 8.00 Housewife, 49 10.00 Lewis 12.05 A Touch of Frost 2.10 FILM: Murder on the Orient Express (1974) (PG) 4.20 Wycliffe 5.15 On the Buses 5.40 ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 Don't Tell the Bride 8.00 Top Gear Botswana Special 9.00 FILM: Enemy of the State (1998) (15) Thriller, starring Will Smith. 11.05 Family Guy 1.20 The Mighty Boosh 3.15 Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth 3.30 Bad Education Christmas Special 4.00 Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 Empire of the Seas: How the Navy Forged the Modern World 8.00 The Golden Age of Steam Railways 9.00 The Bridge 11.00 10 Things You Didn't Know About Earthquakes 12.00 10 Things You Didn't Know About Tsunamis 1.00 Horizon: Secrets of the Solar System 2.00 Ian Hislop Goes Off the Rails 3.00 The Golden Age of Steam Railways 4.00 Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Melissa & Joey 6.25 How I Met Your Mother 7.05 Baby Daddy 8.00 The Goldbergs 9.00 Made in Chelsea 10.00 Couples Come Dine with Me 12.00 The Goldbergs 1.00 The Big Bang Theory 3.00 FILM: Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (2004) (PG) 5.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 FILM: The Inbetweeners Movie (2011) (15) Comedy, starring Joe Thomas. 11.00 The Inbetweeners Top 10 Moments 12.00 The Inbetweeners 2.15 The Inbetweeners Top 10 Moments 3.10 How to... Get Stinking Rich 3.35 How I Met Your Mother 4.20 The Mindy Project 4.40 Revenge

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites 9.15 River Cottage Christmas 10.10 Jamie's Family Christmas 10.40 FILM: A Challenge for Robin Hood (1967) (PG) 12.40 Four in a Bed 3.20 FILM: Pride and Prejudice (2005) (U) 5.50 Stephen Fry's 100 Greatest Gadgets 9.00 It Was Alright in the 1970s 10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 12.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA 2.15 Shipping Wars 3.35 Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Arrietty (2010) (U) 1.00 A Knight's Tale (2001) (PG) 3.40 The Longest Day (1962) (PG) 7.10 Men in Black II (2002) (PG) Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones. 9.00 Life of Pi (2012) (PG) Adventure, starring Suraj Sharma. 11.25 WolfCop (2014) (15) 1.00 Thirst (2009) (18) 3.45 Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
6.00 Home Shopping 7.10 Three Men in More Than One Boat 8.00 The Indestructibles 10.00 Red Bull X-Fighters 11.00 The Indestructibles 12.35 The Money Pit 1.35 Storage Hunters 2.10 Storage Hunters UK 3.10 Storage Hunters 4.15 FILM: Star Trek: Generations (1994) (PG) 6.30 FILM: The Fugitive (1993) (15) 9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 12.00 Dynamo: Magician Impossible 1.00 Mock the Week 3.00 Only Connect 3.30 Storage Hunters 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? 7.00 Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew 8.00 Game Changers 8.30 Football Freestyler 9.00 The Fantasy Football Club 10.00 Soccer AM 12.00 Hawaii Five-0 4.00 Raiders, Raptors and Rebels: Behind the Magic of ILM. The work of George Lucas's special-effects company. 5.00 Supergirl 6.00 The Flash 7.00 Live World Darts Championship. Coverage of the evening session on the third day. 11.00 Hawaii Five-0 3.00 Road Wars 5.00 Nothing to Declare

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Friday Night Lights 7.00 Seinfeld 9.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 11.00 The West Wing 12.00 Cold Case 1.00 The Petrol Age 5.00 Making of David Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants 6.00 David Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants 9.00 Game of Thrones 12.50 Louis CK: Oh My God 2.10 Bill Maher: Live from DC 3.30 Game of Thrones: A Day in the Life 4.05 Urban Secrets

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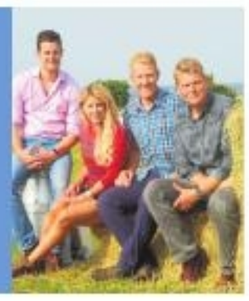

Countryfile: Cornish Coastal Christmas, **5.50pm**

DAYTIME

6.00 Breakfast (S) **7.35 Match of the Day** (S)(R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (S) **10.00 Fern Britton Meets Baroness Brady** (S) **11.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **12.00 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 FILM Rise of the Guardians (2012) (PG)** (S) **2.40 Merry Madagascar** (S)(R) **3.05 FILM Toy Story 3 (2010) (U)** (S) **4.45 The Christmas Big Sing** (S) **5.25 BBC News** (S) **5.40 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **5.50 Countryfile: Cornish Coastal Christmas** (S) **6.50 Sports Personality of the Year 2015** Live coverage from the SSE Arena in Belfast. (S)

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9.00 The Apprentice The two finalists must launch their business in the final task, including creating a brand and unveiling their campaign to an audience of industry experts. Last in the series. (S)

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11.00 BBC News (S)
11.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
11.30 Have I Got a Bit More News for You (S)

AFTER 12

12.10 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.15** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Live at the Apollo Christmas Special 2015, **10.10pm**

6.15 Big Dreams Small Spaces (S)(R) **7.15 Countryfile** (S)(R) **8.15 An Island Parish: Falklands** (S)(R) **8.45 Natural World: Beavers Behaving Badly** (S)(R) **9.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.15 Simply Nigella: Christmas Special** (S)(R) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 Hi-de-Hi!** (S)(R) **1.45 Equestrian: Olympia** (S) **4.30 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em** A Christmas edition of the sitcom from 1974. (S)(R) **5.20 Flog It!** (S) **6.25 The Good Life** (S)(R) **6.50 Christmas University Challenge** New series. Featuring famous graduates of University College London and the University of Birmingham. (S)

7.20 To The Manor Born: 25th Anniversary Special Christmas revival from 2007. Audrey and Richard plan a party to celebrate 25 years of marriage. (S)(R)

8.20 FILM Safe Haven (2013) (12) Premiere. A woman trying to make a fresh start in a coastal town realises she must confront the dark past she is running from. Romantic drama, with Julianne Hough. (S)

10.10 Live at the Apollo Christmas Special 2015 Nina Conti hosts a special festive edition of the stand-up show. Last in the series. (S)
10.55 Family Guy Peter throws Jesus a birthday party. (S)(R)

11.15 The Javone Prince Show Stand-up comedy, sketches and music poking fun at everyday life. (S)(R)
11.45 Country Strife: Abz on the Farm (S)(R)

12.15 Special Forces – Ultimate Hell Week (S)(R) **1.15** Special Forces – Ultimate Hell Week (S)(R) **2.15** Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) **3.15** Holby City (S)(R) **4.15** James Martin – Home Comforts at Christmas (S)(R)

ITV

Jekyll and Hyde, **6.30pm**

6.00 CITV 9.25 FIA Formula E Championship (S) **10.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) **11.20 ITV News;** Weather (S) **11.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) **12.30 The Unforgettable Dick Emery** (S)(R) **1.00 Doc Martin** Bird-spotters invade Portwenn. (S)(R) **3.00 Midsomer Murders** A business executive is murdered. (S)(R) **5.00 Tipping Point for Text Santa** Mark Foster, Bobby George, Chris Kamara and Tanni Grey-Thompson compete. (S)(R) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.15 ITV News** (S) **6.30 Jekyll and Hyde** Robert fights with a beautiful vampire. (S)

7.30 The Sound of Music Live! Popular musical The Sound of Music is brought to life on soundstages at London's Three Mills Studio. (S)

10.05 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.20 FILM Love Actually (2003) (15) Richard Curtis's romantic comedy, with Hugh Grant, Martine McCutcheon, Emma Thompson, Colin Firth, Bill Nighy and Liam Neeson. (S)

12.45 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Homeland, **9pm**

6.20 The King of Queens (S)(R) **7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** With James Morrison. (S) **12.30 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **1.25 FILM Hachi: A Dog's Tale (2009) (U)** (S) **3.15 FILM The Addams Family (1991) (PG)** Black comedy, starring Anjelica Huston. (S) **5.10 Channel 4 News** (S) **5.30 Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas** Festive spin-off of the animated films, with the voice of John Leguizamo. (S)(R) **6.00 FILM Home Alone (1990) (PG)** Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern. (S)

8.00 Bear Goes Wild with Barack Obama Bear Grylls is joined by the US president for his latest adventure, in which the two of them go on a trek across the Alaskan wilderness and observe the effects of climate change. (S)

9.00 Homeland Carrie follows a lead. Penultimate episode of the fifth series of the thriller following a team of CIA agents battling terrorists and problems in their personal lives. (S)

10.00 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)(R)

11.00 FILM Four Christmases (2008) (12) Comedy, with Vince Vaughn and Reese Witherspoon. (S)

12.40 FILM Airplane! (1980) (PG) (S) **2.10** Alan Carr: Chatty Man (S)(R) **3.05** The Undateables: Two Weddings and a Baby (S)(R) **3.55** Four in a Bed (S)(R)

Channel 5

Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs, **11.20pm**

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **10.30 Football League Tonight** (S)(R) **12.00 FILM Surf's Up (2007) (PG)** (S) **1.35 FILM The Christmas Switch (2014) (PG)** Fantasy, starring Brian Krause and Cedric Smith. (S) **3.20 FILM Christmas in the City (2013) (PG)** Premiere. Drama, starring Ashley Williams. (S) **5.05 FILM Pinocchio (1940) (U)** Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Dick Jones. (S) **6.50 5 News Weekend** (S) **6.55 FILM Hellboy II: The Golden Army (2008) (12)** Action fantasy sequel, starring Ron Perlman. (S)

9.00 FILM War of the Worlds (2005) (12) A divorced father tries to protect his two children as alien war machines start to wipe out the human race. Steven Spielberg's sci-fi thriller, with Tom Cruise. (S)

11.20 Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs A countdown of songs guaranteed to make any Christmas party go with a swing. (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 The Hot Desk: Ed Sheeran **6.10** Christmas Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.35** Emmerdale **9.20** Coronation Street **11.45** Keep It in the Family Christmas Special **12.50** You've Been Framed at Christmas! **1.20** FILM: Peter Pan (2003) (PG) **3.30** FILM: Beethoven's Christmas Adventure (2011) (U) **5.20** Catchphrase Christmas Special **6.25** The X Factor Winner's Story 2015 **7.30** You've Been Framed at Christmas! **9.00** FILM: The Bourne Ultimatum (2007) (12) Spy thriller sequel, starring Matt Damon. **11.15** Celebrity Juice: Christmas Special **12.00** Release the Hounds: Jingle Hell II **1.05** Tricked **2.00** FILM: Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (2009) (12) **3.50** Educating Joey Essex: Winter Essex-Pedition **4.40** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **5.30** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 FILM: Swallows and Amazons (1974) (U) **7.35** Heartbeat **9.40** Foyle's War **11.50** FILM: Columbo: It's All in the Game (1993) (PG) **1.50** FILM: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) (U) **3.55** Clash of the Santas **5.55** Michael Bublé: At Home for Christmas **7.30** Lewis **9.30** Inspector Morse **11.45** A Touch of Frost **1.50** Wycliffe **2.45** On the Buses **3.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 First Flight **7.10** FILM: G-Force (2009) (PG) Children's adventure, starring Bill Nighy. **8.30** Don't Tell the Bride – Christmas on Ice **9.30** Top Gear: Polar Challenge **10.35** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **11.15** Family Guy **12.00** American Dad! **12.45** Josh **1.15** The Mighty Boosh **3.10** Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth **3.25** Cuckoo Christmas Special **4.00** Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 Blood and Gold: The Making of Spain with Simon Sebag Montefiore **8.00** Westminster Abbey **9.00** Nat King Cole: Afraid of the Dark **10.30** Nina Simone & Me with Laura Mvula **11.00** Bruce Springsteen: The Ties That Bind **11.55** Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band: Live From The River Tour 1980 **12.55** Westminster Abbey **1.55** Tales of Winter: The Art of Snow and Ice **3.25** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Melissa & Joey **6.20** How I Met Your Mother **7.05** Baby Daddy **8.00** Melissa & Joey **8.55** Made in Chelsea **10.00** Hollyoaks **12.30** Couples Come Dine with Me **2.35** The Big Bang Theory **6.25** FILM: The Twilight Saga: New Moon (2009) (12) Romantic fantasy sequel, starring Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson. **9.00** FILM: The Inbetweeners 2 (2014) (15) Comedy sequel, starring Simon Bird. **11.00** The Inbetweeners Go Global **12.05** The Inbetweeners **2.20** The Inbetweeners Go Global **3.15** How to Be a Grown Up **3.40** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.20** Jamie's Comfort Food **9.50** Come Dine with Me **12.30** Posh Pawn at Christmas **1.35** River Cottage Christmas **2.35** Four in a Bed **5.15** Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special **8.00** The Year Britain Froze **9.00** The World's Weirdest Weather **10.05** The Storms That Stole Christmas **11.10** Britain's Most Extreme Weather **12.15** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **2.15** Shipping Wars **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Porco Rosso (1992) (U) **1.00** Parental Guidance (2012) (U) **3.05** Bride Wars (2009) (12) **4.50** Evolution (2001) (PG) **6.50** Men in Black 3 (2012) (PG) Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Will Smith. **9.00** Iron Man 2 (2010) (12) Superhero adventure sequel, with Robert Downey Jr. **11.25** Daredevil (2003) (15) Comic-book adventure, starring Ben Affleck. **1.30** 10 Years (2011) (12) **3.40** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
6.00 Home Shopping **7.15** Motorway Cops: A Traffic Cops Special **8.00** Red Bull X-Fighters **9.00** Ice Road Truckers **1.00** Storage Hunters UK **5.00** Top Gear **6.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **7.00** Top Gear India Special **9.00** Mock the Week **11.00** QI XL **1.00** Russell Howard's Good News **2.45** Only Connect **3.15** Motorway Cops: A Traffic Cops Special **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Monkey Life **9.00** Supergirl **10.00** The Flash **11.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** Raiders, Raptors and Rebels: Behind the Magic of ILM **1.00** Best Christmas Movies Ever **2.30** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **5.30** The Muppets **6.00** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Arrow **9.00** Micky Flanagan's Detour de France **10.00** A League of Their Own **11.00** Hawaii Five-0 **1.00** Live NFL. **4.30** Road Wars **5.30** Nothing to Declare

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Friday Night Lights **7.00** Seinfeld **12.00** The West Wing **5.00** David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies **9.00** Game of Thrones **12.35** The Affair **2.55** The Last Panthers **4.00** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer

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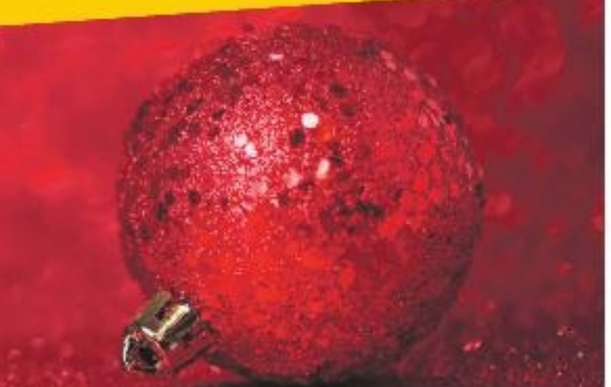

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The energy of NRG

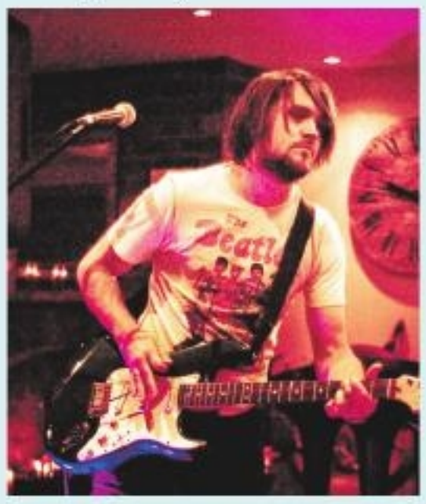
IT will be a family-fun affair at the Prince of Wales in Fleet on Christmas Eve as father and son team NRG are in town.

The musical duo of Roger Prior and son Graham will be visiting the Reading Road South pub to perform popular hits from the likes of Simon & Garfunkel, Daft Punk, Pink Floyd and more.

"The audience can expect a lively night of quality music hopefully, with songs from the '60s to the present day," Graham revealed.

"When an audience really gets the kind of music you play there is a mutual love for the music you love yourself."

This is a free gig to attend and it will begin at 9pm.



Classical Christmassy fun

• *Sophie Matthews as a fox*

A CHRISTMAS variety show will be heading to Bordon tonight, Thursday, December 17, as 'A Victorian Christmas' makes its way to the Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre.

Starring musicians Chris Green, Sophie Matthews and Jude Rees, the show features a host of Christmas songs, plays and general tomfoolery as they try to get the audience in the festive spirit.

"All of the performing arts rely on a two-way relationship between performer and audience," Chris told the Observer.

"Obviously you try to give a consistent performance no matter where you are and who your audience is, but there is no denying that everything just works better when you have an audience that is really behind you.

"This is a family show and music is only one part of it – there is storytelling and drama as well."

Since the formation of their theatre group 'A Blast From the Past' back in 2011, the musicians have toured the UK putting the Christmas cheer in hundreds of theatre enthusiasts.

Visitors are encouraged to sing along to a number of carols, and the show has proven popular during the festive period.

By **James Richings**

And with the audience members learning about King Arthur, St George's battle against the Turkish Knight and how Victorians celebrated Christmas at the same time, both Chris and Sophie believe it will be a night to remember.

"We play in theatres and arts centres throughout the country and over the last few years the average audience has got steadily older," Sophie said.

"Unless we encourage under 18s to come and watch live theatre and performing arts there won't be an audience in 25 years time."

In the show, Chris will play the guitar, mandocello and piano accordion, while Sophie will play the flute, recorder, and will sing.

Jude will play the oboe and melodeon on the night.

"The second year we toured 'A Victorian Christmas', we sold out the National Centre for Early Music which is one of the most prestigious early music venues in Europe," Chris said.

"That was a pretty good feeling to have."

The festive show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost from £10.

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Panto fun set in 'Amazingstoke'

WELCOME to "Amazingstoke", the fictional village that is the setting for this year's Basingstoke pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk at The Anvil, written by Andrew Ryan.

By **Robin Strapp**

The foyer was buzzing with the audience eagerly anticipating this year's family-friendly show that overflowed with seasonal warmth.

This production has all the ingredients for the perfect pantomime with colourful sets, inventive lighting, gorgeous costumes and oodles of audience participation.

There are plenty of local references and some frightfully funny one-liners, together with some traditional scenes including the ghost sketch and a simple slosh routine about Italian ice cream that the youngsters loved.

Mark Little, known for playing Joe Mangel in Neighbours, plays the evil Fleshcreep and relished the loud boos from the audience or, as he put it: "I'm only here for the booze."

The adults enjoyed that pun as well as his references to Donald Trump.

Forest Fairy (Melanie Walters) has a problem. Since we are now living in times of austerity she's doing the job of three fairy godmothers and continually gets the characters' names mixed up from other pantomimes, all good fun.

The energetic affable Chris Pizzey from CBBC's The Basil Brush Show is the streetwise cool Simple Simon who quickly establishes a good-natured rapport with the audience with his catch phrase, "I say simple you say Simon."

His magic trick at the start is hilarious and won the audience over.

Making his southern debut Philip Meeks is the perfect Dame Tessie Trott with plenty of audience banter and wearing a more outlandish frock at each appearance in what is an excellent panto performance.

The love interest comes from our dashing hero Jack - the splendid Mark Rhodes - who has great stage presence, and Chloe Amber as Princess Jill. Both have good singing voices.

But the land is thwarted by the Giant who is putting up the taxes and everyone is now forced to live in poverty.

The Trott family are forced to sell their lovable cow Daisy, who won the hearts of the youngsters and the bumbling King (Michael Chance) even loses his throne as well as his daughter who is captured by Fleshcreep, but will Jack be able to rescue her?

Of course there is a beanstalk that magically grows before our eyes and a huge giant who eventually meets an ugly end as Jack battles it out with Fleshcreep in the final fight scene.

There is excellent support from a talented ensemble together with the juveniles from Basingstoke Academy of Dance and the North Hampshire Academy of Dance with slick choreography by Sarah Louise Day.

With a lively musical score under the direction of Martyn Cooper this certainly is the ideal start to the Christmas festivities. Oh yes it is!

• *Mark Rhodes as Jack (picture by Sean Dillow, Anvil Arts)*

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Wed, Dec 17.15pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury

THE ROYAL BALLET LIVE

Loosely based on a story by E.T.A. Hoffmann, it opens with the Christmas festivities of little Clara and her family and progresses through a sequence of dreams and enchantments that take Clara on her magical journey to the Land of Snow and the Kingdom of the Sweets.

Thu, Dec 17, 7.30pm
The Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre, Bordon

A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

A Victorian Christmas is a fun and festive celebration of the Yuletide our ancestors would have known. Following highly successful tours every winter since 2011, acclaimed historical entertainment company Blast From The Past invite you to join them once again in 2015 for an evening of music, song, stories and drama from the time of Dickens and Hardy.

Thu, Dec 17, 8pm
The Arlington Arts Centre, Newbury

MANDOLINQUENTS CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

The Mandolinquents feature everything from hot swing and ragtime instrumentals of the 1930s: Irving Berlin, Mozart, Ravel and Tchaikovsky to lively reels and beautiful traditional Irish airs to Chinese and Brazilian folk tunes. All this played with infectious fun, off-beat humour and stunning virtuosity on mandolin, mandola, mandocello, mandobass and classical guitar, with the occasional burst of fiddle.

Fri, Dec 18 – Sun Dec 20
The Arlington Arts Centre, Newbury

BTUK: THE SNOW QUEEN

Join Ballet Theatre UK in their beautiful re-telling of Hans Christian Andersen's classic fairytale ballet, The Snow Queen. This spectacular production follows the story of Gerda and her quest to find her friend Kay, whom the Snow Queen has placed under an evil spell. Gerda's fantastic adventure takes her on a journey across the frozen north where she encounters a band of gypsy's, enchanted reindeer and a mysterious and reclusive Lapland woman. Ballet Theatre UK's renowned company of international dancers, enchanted costumes and glittering stage sets combine to create a magnificent spectacle, all set to a glorious score.

Fri, Dec 18 – Sat, Dec 10
The Haymarket, Basingstoke

BUDDY HOLLY & THE CRICKETERS

Holly's hits, other contemporary classics and some Christmas crackers are all wrapped up in a fast, furious and funny feast of entertainment to make the perfect gift for all the family.

Fri, Dec 18, 7.30pm
The Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre, Bordon

CHRISTMAS CINEMA: SCROOGE

Ebenezer Scrooge (Alastair Sim) is seen leaving the London Exchange on his way to his counting house on Christmas Eve, 1843. Scrooge tells two other men of business that he has no intention of celebrating Christmas. He refuses leniency to a debtor who owes Scrooge money.

Fri, Dec 18 – Thu, Dec 31
Corn Exchange Cinema, Newbury

BRIDGE OF SPIES

Steven Spielberg's gripping latest tells the story of Brooklyn lawyer James Donovan (Tom Hanks). He must negotiate the release of Francis Gary Powers (Austen Stowell, Whiplash), the pilot of an American U-2 spy plane shot down over Russia in 1960.

Fri, Dec 18 – Thu, Dec 31
Corn Exchange Cinema, Newbury

THE GOOD DINOSAUR

A big-hearted young Apatosaurus called Arlo (Raymond Ochoa) befriends Spot (Jack Bright), a lonely cave-dwelling tot. The pair encourages each other to face their fears and overcome adversity as they travel through the wild and mysterious landscape.

Sat, Dec 19, 9pm
The Wheatsheaf, Basingstoke

BLACK MARKET

Covers band Black Market will play tracks from the like of The Black Keys, Royal Blood, Imagine Dragons, Foo Fighters, Kings of Leon, The Killers, Jimi Hendrix, The Beatles, and even the odd Erasure song - truly something for everyone - but not just the obvious.

Sat, Dec 19 – Tue, Dec 22
Corn Exchange Cinema, Newbury

BROOKLYN

Set in the 1950's, this good-hearted adaptation of Colm Tóibín bestseller stars Saoirse Ronan (Hanna) as Eilis Lacey, who leaves rural Wexford for a menial job in the eponymous Brooklyn, taking digs in a rackety boarding house run by the sharp-tongued and hilarious Mrs Kehoe (Julie Walters).

Sat, Dec 19, 9pm
The Monument, Newbury

NO WAY OUT

Cover band No Way Out will play hits from the likes of Kings of Leon, Coldplay, Blondie, Nirvana, Muse, Stereophonics, Foo Fighters, Queen, The Killers, REM, Police or Green Day.

Sat, Dec 19, 9pm
The Plough, pub Thatcham

AVARICE

Avarice are a dynamic, up-tempo duo, covering rock, pop and party classics. With a huge variety of songs spanning a wide range of eras and genres, Avarice have something for everybody and always keep the dance floor full.

Wed, Dec 23, 2pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK: RELAXED PERFORMANCE

The Anvil have announced that will be specially adapted performance of this year's pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk, for those on the autistic spectrum and with other disabilities.
A relaxed performance means:
The auditorium lights will remain on during the performance
The foyers will be open and the audience is free to come and go during the performance
There will be a Quiet Zone in the Linden Room (off the Circle Foyer)
Music and sound effects will be quieter and the performances will be gentler in tone
No pyrotechnics will be used
Additional wheelchair spaces will be created
This performance will be signed

Sat, Dec 26 –Wed, Dec 30
Corn Exchange Cinema, Newbury

THE DRESS MAKER

Glamorous couture dressmaker Tilly Dunnage (Kate Winslet) returns to the outback town that she was banished from after being falsely accused of murder as a child.
She transforms the town's dowdiest womenfolk – and some of the men – with her extravagant fashion creations.

Wed, Dec 30, 9pm
Canal Bar, Newbury

ROADHOUSE

Roadhouse are a four piece classic contemporary rock covers band who tracks by the likes of Thin Lizzy and Rolling Stones, through to more contemporary bands including Foo Fighters and Snow Patrol

Fri, Jan 8 – Thu, Jan 14
Corn Exchange Cinema, Newbury

STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS

Set three decades after Return Of The Jedi, the latest Star Wars episode sees the return of key figures who kick-started the franchise – Han Solo, Princess Leia, Luke Skywalker, R2-D2 and Chewbacca – with original stars Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Mark Hamill, Kenny Baker and Peter Mayhew back in their iconic roles.

Fri, Jan 8 – Thu, Jan 21
Corn Exchange Cinema, Newbury

THE DANISH GIRL

Reunited with Les Misérables director Tom Hooper, Eddie Redmayne follows his Oscar winning turn as Stephen Hawking with a yet more extraordinary transformation based on a true story.
With the encouragement of his artist wife Gerda (Alicia Vikander, Ex Machina, Testament Of Youth), Einar Wegener began a groundbreaking process of gender transition in the 1930s to become Lili Elbe. With his utterly convincing portrayal of Einar/Lili, Redmayne brilliantly negotiates the psychological road map required to make the journey, aided by Gerda's supportive pragmatism. Of course it's a tough ride with a dubious medical establishment, and threats to their marriage are not helped by a potential suitor (Ben Whishaw) coming on strong to Lili.

Fri, Jan 15, 7.45pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke

BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Liadov's colourful miniatures are like musical Fabergé eggs. His 'fantastic scherzo' Kikimora vividly depicts a malevolent character from Russian folklore. Shostakovich's is one of the finest twentieth century violin concertos. Its four movements include a hushed and poignant nocturne, an imaginative passacaglia – variations over a repeated bass line – and an unstoppable finale. Beethoven's fifth symphony, from the most famous opening in music, builds through its four movements from dramatic struggle to a blazing, triumphant conclusion.

Sat, Jan 16 – Sun, Jan 17
The Anvil, Basingstoke

SARAH MILLICAN

Sun, Jan 17, 8.15pm
The Forge, Basingstoke

THE HUT PEOPLE

Taking the audience on a musical journey around the world, English instrumental duo The Hut People, accordionist Sam Pirt and percussionist Gary Hammond, are one of the most unique, entertaining and best-loved acts on the UK folk scene today.

Fri, Jan 22, 9pm
The Irish Centre, Basingstoke

DAN MCHUGH

Expect originals from Farnborough based Irishman Dan McHugh

Fri, Jan 22, 9pm
The Canal Bar, Newbury

ROADHOUSE

Covers are on the menu as Roadhouse will be making their first appearance at the Market Place venue of 2016.

Sat, 23, 9.15pm
The White Hart, Thatcham

UPTOWN FUNK

An evening of popular 60s and 70s music which covers genres such as rock, soul and blues.

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Thu, Jan 23 – Sat, Jan 23
Corn Exchange, Newbury
LES MISERABLES
RARE Productions, the UK's largest youth musical theatre production company, is delighted to be launching its newest group in Newbury with a production of Les Miserables: Schools Edition.
This epic story recounts the struggle against adversity in 19th century France. Imprisoned for stealing a loaf of bread, petty thief Jean Valjean is released from his 19-year term and not only becomes and honest man, but the mayor of a prosperous town and a loving adoptive father - violating his parole in the process. The relentless Inspector Javert, who makes a decent life for Valjean impossible, consequently pursues him. Only years later, after Valjean proves his mettle during a bloody student uprising and saves the life of a young man hopelessly in love with Valjean's adopted daughter, does the ex-convict finally feel fully redeemed.

Sat, Jan 23, 7.45pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA
Vaughan Williams' overture is one of his very best short pieces, beginning by evoking the buzzing of the insects of the title. Finzi's delightful concerto is his most well-known orchestral piece and showcases many sides of the clarinet's character, played tonight by the orchestra's Principal Clarinet. The Sea Symphony is an epic and imaginative setting of poems by Walt Whitman, though keeping the traditional four movements of symphonic form. The musical themes set out in the striking introduction recur in various forms throughout the work. Its success established Vaughan Williams as the foremost British composer of his generation.

Sun, Jan 24, 3pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
JOHANN STRAUSS GALA
The Johann Strauss Gala has entertained audiences for over 40 years with its captivating combination of much-loved music, delightful dancing and dash of comedy. Dressed in exquisite costumes of the period, the orchestra return with a brand new show with irrepressible showman Rainer Hersch. Together they take you on a light-hearted journey filled with some of the most romantic waltzes and liveliest polkas ever composed.

Wed, Jan 27, 7.45pm
The Forge, Basingstoke
ROD PICOTT
Rod has had his songs covered by Ray Wylie Hubbard, Slaid Cleaves and Fred Eaglesmith among others but it's his brilliant stage show and his instant rapport with his audience that sets this Maine wordsmith apart from the rest.

Thu, Jan 28, 8pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
ED BYRNE
That bloke. You know. The Irish guy. No, not the bald one. The other one. You know him. The one Carol from work really likes. Wait, that might be Jason Byrne. Anyway. Funny chap. Has a new show!

Thu, Jan 28, 7.30pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
THAT'LL BE THE DAY
Prepare for a nostalgia party extravaganza as the legendary That'll Be The Day returns with its brand new 30th Anniversary Special!
The nations favourite rock 'n' roll variety spectacular features a fantastic line up of knock-out hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s, plus more side-splitting comedy!
Early booking is advised as this ever-popular show attracts a big audience of music lovers ready to party!

Thu, Jan 28 – Sat, Feb 20
The Watermill Theatre, Newbury
TELL ME ON A SUNDAY
Following her acclaimed performance in The Watermill's 2014 production of Calamity Jane, Jodie Prenger now steps into Andrew Lloyd Webber and Don Black's classic musical, Tell Me On A Sunday.
This iconic musical, with a wonderful original score played by a five piece band, features the chart-topping Take That Look Off Your Face, and title track Tell Me On A Sunday. Performed by many legendary musical theatre stars including Marti Webb and Sarah Brightman, this new 2016 production directed by Paul Foster includes an intimate post-show chat with Jodie about life, love and playing the role of Emma.

Fri, Jan 29, 8pm
Arlington Arts Centre, Newbury
KAST OF KINKS
Actual former members of iconic band "The Kinks" this great line-up features the fantastic Mick Avory (original drummer on classic hits spanning 1964-84), John Dalton(bass/vocals 1969-76), Ian Gibbons (keyboard/vocals 1979-96) with Dave Clarke (guitar/vocals, formerly of Beach Boys, Noel Redding & Tim Rose).
All the hits, including: You Really GotMe, Dedicated Follower of Fashion, Sunny Afternoon, Lola, Days, Waterloo Sunset, Come Dancing and many more for driving power chords, distorted guitar sound and soulful lyricism.

Fri, Jan 29, 7.45pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury
FOREVER IN BLUE JEANS
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Fri, Jan 29, 8pm
New Greenham Arts Auitorium, Newbury
STEVE HALL AND TOMMY ROWSON
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Tommy Rowson: So You Think You're Funny Winner 2011 and BBC New Comedy Finalist 2012 Tommy Rowson in his debut solo show. Join Tommy as he tells tales from Wales and London featuring bordello belles, vagabonds, vagrants, swindlers, bindlers, drunks, drifters, drug dealers and Jesus. Warning: Contains poetry

Sat, Jan 30, 7.45pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury
ELKIE BROOKS
Now in the 5th decade of her career, she is still proving to be one of the most powerful and versatile vocal talents of our generation. With numerous hit singles, million selling albums and awards, her annual tours are treat for fans old and new.

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Tue, Feb 2 – Wed, Feb 3
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Wed, Feb 3, 7.30pm
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Sat, Feb 6, 7.30pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
DEANE SINFONIA
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Sat, Feb 6, 8pm
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Sun, Feb 7, 7.30pm
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It was part of a new film released by Land Rover, which sees the world-famous adventurer learn ice driving in Arjeplog.

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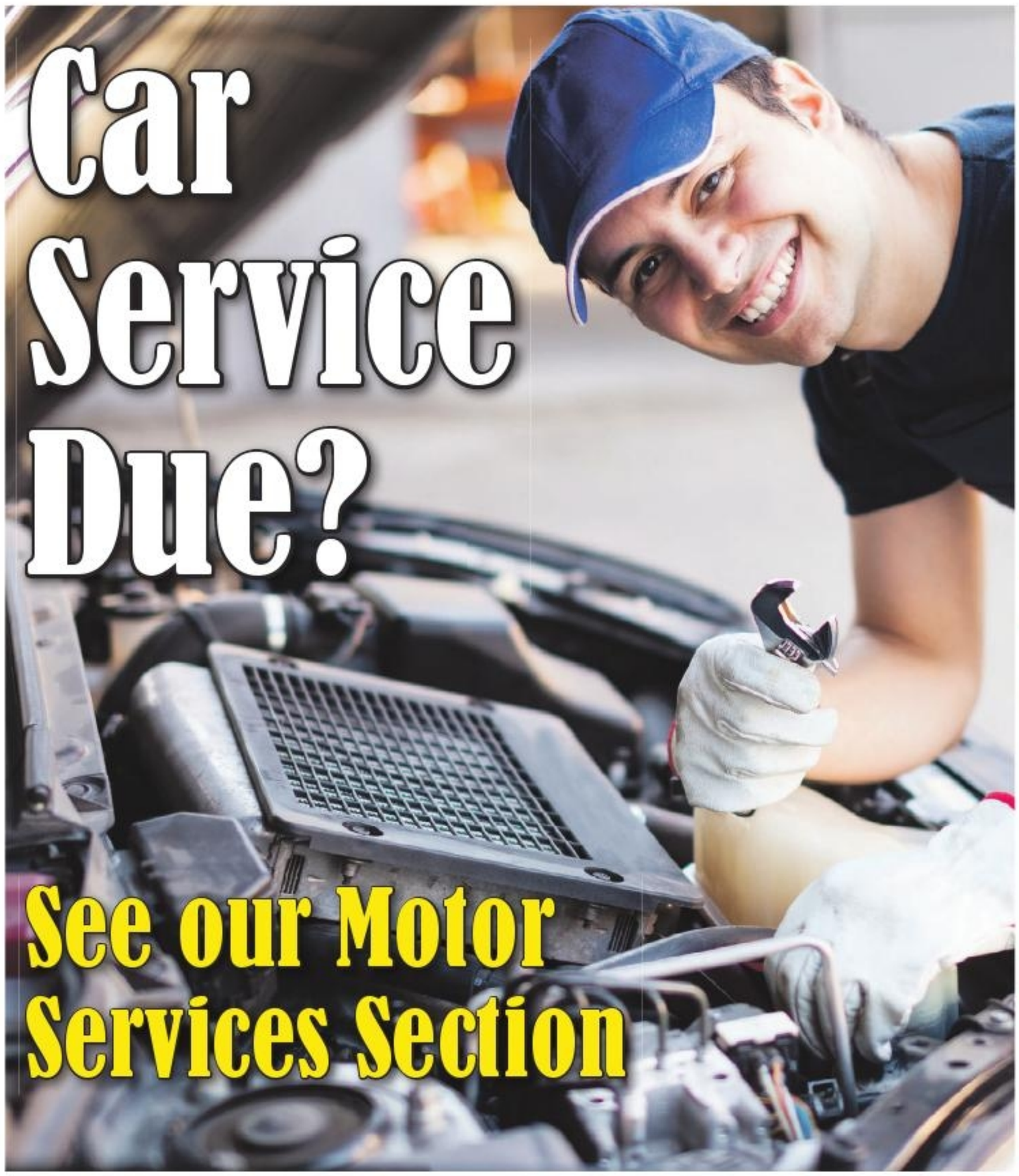

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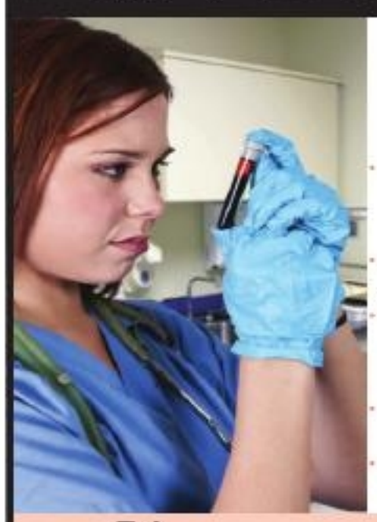

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Dartford slay Dragons and end mini revival

BASINGSTOKE Town were stopped from making it a hat-trick of wins on Saturday as they were beaten 1-0 by Dartford at The Camrose.

By **Christian Wilson**
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An early goal from Elliott Bradbrook was enough to take the three points for the visitors and see basement side Town drop to four points behind second-bottom St Albans City.

The Dragons have now lost 12 matches out of 20 in the National League South – one more than they managed in the whole of last year's high-flying play-off campaign.

Heading into Saturday's match, things looked to be on the up for the club following wins over Bishop's Stortford and Blackfield and Langley in the league and Hampshire Senior Cup respectively under new manager Michael Gilkes.

But after losing the toss and finding themselves on the wrong end of gale force conditions, it came as no surprise that Dartford started on the front foot and penned Basingstoke back deep into their own half.

And after forcing a string of early corners, the visitors used the wind to their advantage to take the lead in the 13th minute, as Ryan Hayes' free kick from wide on the right caused chaos in the box.

Keeper Aaron Howe did well to block Andy Pugh's goalbound effort from just six yards out, before the ball trickled favourably to Elliott Bradbrook to shovel the ball over the line for the scrappiest of openers.

Basingstoke forward Lloyd Macklin nearly conjured a brilliant equaliser just five minutes later after using his blistering pace to charge down the left wing before cutting inside and curling a shot towards the far post that Dartford keeper Dener Ibrahim did well to get a hand to.

Aside from a Liam Enver-Marum long-ranger soon after however, there wasn't another chance of note in a quiet first half.

Leading scorer Chris Flood hit the woodwork twice in the space of two minutes seven days earlier in the win over Bishop's Stortford, and the striker carried on his recent bad luck in front of goal in the 55th minute after another shot was deflected behind.

Louie Soares then whipped in a dangerous cross from the resulting corner, with Flood timing his run to perfection to power a header goalwards before seeing it thud off the underside of the bar and bounce agonisingly out of the danger zone.

But despite the hosts throwing wave after wave of attack forward, they couldn't break through a solid and resolute Dartford back four, to ensure another disappointing result for the Dragons.

Basingstoke are next in action this Saturday when they welcome fellow strugglers St Albans to The Camrose in a huge game for the club.

• **Basingstoke Town striker Chris Flood came close to grabbing his side a point**

Gilkes: 'We need to capitalise on busy schedule'

BASINGSTOKE Town manager Michael Gilkes refused to make any excuses after tasting his first league defeat in charge.

The Dragons looked to have turned a corner the previous week with two wins in four days before Saturday's narrow loss at home to high-flying Dartford.

But despite both sides having to deal with blistering winds at The Camrose, Gilkes didn't feel that his team did enough to claim the three points in "a game of two halves".

He said: "The bottom line is that if you're the away team and defend well for 45 minutes as they did, you're probably going to be happy.

"They had the wind behind them in the first half and scored, but it wasn't the end of the world for us and I thought that we camped in their half after the break.

"But the reality is, if you concede a dangerous free kick, you have to win the first ball or you will get punished at any level."

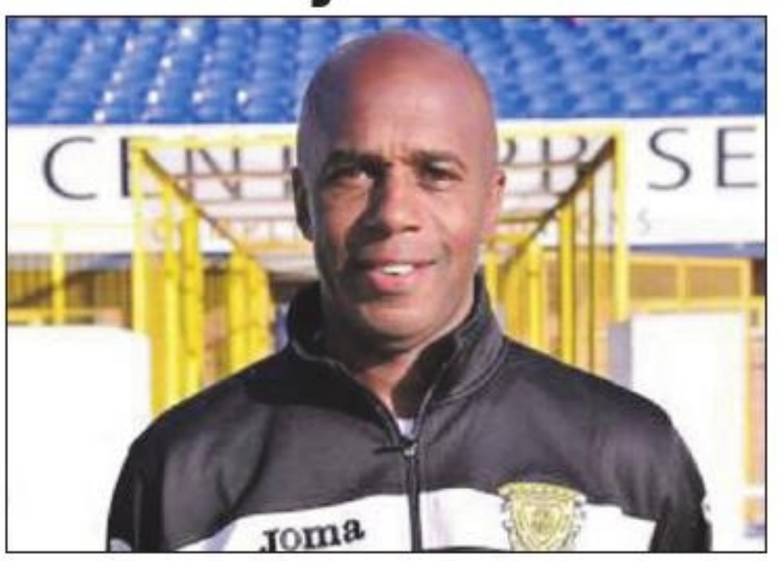
Defeat ensured that Town lost even more ground on those above them in the National League South, with second bottom St Albans City now leading them by four points.

But with their fellow strugglers coming to Basingstoke this weekend, ahead of a busy festive run of four games in 14 days, Gilkes has called on his players to capitalise on the Christmas run in to pull themselves clear of the drop zone.

He continued: "We are going to try and take the positives from the busy period and get some players back from injury, which will make us much stronger.

"There are lots of points available for us over the Christmas period, which we're looking forward to and need to capitalise on."

• **Michael Gilkes**



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Flames fixture

ICE HOCKEY: Following the weekend's round of English Premier League (EPL) Cup games, Basingstoke Bison will face their fiercest rivals in the next round of the competition.

The Herd will face off against Guildford Flames over two legs in the semi-finals of the League Cup next month, hosting the first game at the Basingstoke Arena on Wednesday, January 20.

They then travel to the Spectrum seven days later to face Guildford for a place in the final.

London loss

RUGBY: Basingstoke RFC had another day to forget on Saturday as mid-table London Exiles handed them their heaviest defeat of the season.

The London Two South West relegation favourites were hammered 85-7 on the road, to extend the wait for Gareth Hatherley-Hurford to claim his first point as manager.

'Stoke will return to action again this Saturday when they host seventh-placed Old Reigatians at Down Grange.

Huge win

FOOTBALL: Basingstoke Town Ladies maintained their unbeaten start to the league season on Sunday with a massive win over Woodley United.

A brace from Megan James led the way for the Southern Region Women's Football League (SRWFL) Premier Division leaders in a 7-0 win.

And goals from Josette Pearmine, Katie Randell, Ayala Truelove and a goal apiece from substitutes Sarah North and Jessica Sotes put the gloss on 'Stoke's seventh win of the campaign to extend their lead ahead of Milton Keynes City to six points.

Basingstoke will now take a couple of weeks off over the winter break and are not in action again until January 3, when they face Marlow Ladies.

Missed chance

HOCKEY: Basingstoke Hockey Club men's firsts missed a great chance to close in on leaders Bournemouth firsts on Saturday after drawing their final game of 2015.

After racing into a two goal lead over third-placed Wanderers firsts through goals from Jed Mills and Grant Rouse, the hosts then conceded twice to miss out on the chance to close in on the Hampshire Surrey 1 leaders following a rare loss.

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PHANTOMS END BISON HOME RUN

BASINGSTOKE Bison's astonishing winning run on home ice finally came to an end over the weekend against Peterborough Phantoms.

The Stampede were leapfrogged by their English Premier League (EPL) title rivals to drop to second place following a narrow 3-2 defeat.

Saturday's loss broke an incredible run of 13 consecutive victories for Doug Sheppard's side at the Basingstoke Arena that has seen them rewrite the league's record books.

But Basingstoke will have left Planet Ice kicking themselves for not making it 14 after throwing away a 2-1 lead going into the final period to pick up just their sixth loss in 25 games this season.

The home fans were treated to a return to the side for popular forward Joe Rand - who took a step back from playing last month due to work commitments - following top scorer Tomas Karpov's withdrawal due to injury.

By **Christian Wilson**
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And the Canadian gave a reminder of his value with just 1:10 on the clock as he laid the puck on for Rene Jarolin to sweep it home to give Bison an early lead on the powerplay.

More good work from Rand nearly made it two seconds later as he powered to the net before letting off a backhand shot that Phantoms netminder Janis Auzins did well to block.

The visitors levelled the match on 9:50 as Craig Scott reacted quickest to present Martin Susters with the chance to fire between the pipes past Jon Baston.

Both keepers were called into action several times during an end-to-end second half to the period, although it was Bison who would regain the lead just under five minutes after the buzzer.

With four seconds remaining of a powerplay following the ejection of Craig Wallis for holding, Rand played in Alan Lack to tip the puck home to make it 2-1.

And with Bison dominating Peterborough 47 shots to 26, Auzins was called into action to expertly deny Ciaran Long and Rand from putting the game out of sight.

The hosts were made to pay for their wastefulness with 10:02 to play as Phantoms sniper Ales Padelek levelled up the game from a Lloyd Gibson pass, before Baston was then beaten again on 52:33 by James Ferrara's trickled effort to condemn Basingstoke to defeat.

Bison are in action on the road twice this weekend when they travel to Sheffield Steeldogs and Bracknell Bees.

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· Returning Basingstoke Bison forward Joe Rand (right) provided two assists as the Herd were beaten 3-2 by Peterborough Phantoms (picture by grantkingphotography.com)

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